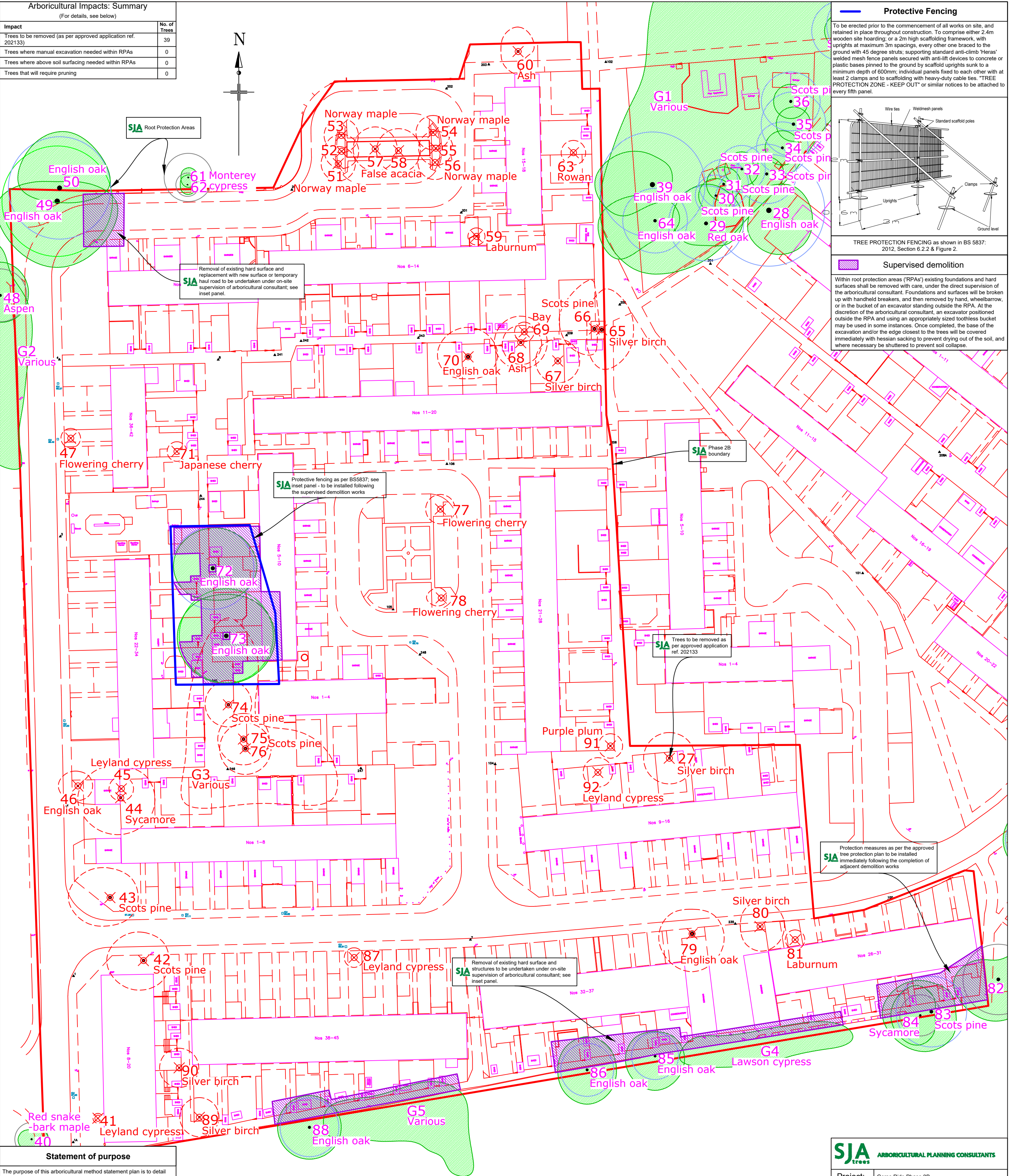


Arboricultural Impacts: Summary	
(For details, see below)	
Impact	No. of Trees
Trees to be removed (as per approved application ref. 202133)	39
Trees where manual excavation needed within RPAs	0
Trees where above soil surfacing needed within RPAs	0
Trees that will require pruning	0



Statement of purpose

The purpose of this arboricultural method statement plan is to detail what actions need to be taken to prevent the proposed demolition of the existing dwellings and hard surfacing at Gorse Ride, Wokingham causing any unacceptable damage to the trees to be retained within this site and in the adjacent properties.

This method statement has been drawn up to comply with Condition no. 30 of the planning permission (ref.: 202133) granted by Wokingham Borough Council. It complies with the recommendations of British Standard BS 5837: 2012, *Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations*.

Planning & communication

Unless otherwise agreed with the Local Planning Authority (LPA), the following actions are to be taken, in the order specified in the sequence of Works Table (see below).

The developer will appoint an arboricultural consultant to oversee all aspects of tree care and protection for the duration of demolition works.

Prior to the commencement of works, the project manager will send copies of any demolition or construction method statements that might have implications for existing trees to the arboricultural consultant for his comments. The arboricultural consultant will liaise with the project manager to ensure that there are no conflicts between the demolition or construction method statements and this arboricultural method statement.

Prior to the start of any site clearance or demolition works the developer will convene a pre-commencement site meeting. This shall be attended by the developers' contract manager or site manager, the demolition contractor, the fencing/boarding contractor, the groundwork contractor(s) and the arboricultural consultant. The LPA tree officer will be invited to attend. At that meeting contact numbers will be exchanged, and the methods of tree protection outlined in this statement shall be fully discussed, so that all aspects of their implementation and sequencing are made clear to all parties. Any clarifications or modifications to this statement arising from the meeting shall be circulated to all parties in writing.

Arboricultural Supervision and Monitoring

Throughout the construction process the arboricultural consultant will monitor the condition of the trees, and the integrity and effectiveness of the protective fencing, once installed. He will visit the site at appropriate intervals, as agreed with the LPA Tree Officer at the pre-commencement meeting, to ensure that the protection measures outlined in this document are adhered to. Records of all monitoring and supervisory visits will be made, and will be forwarded to the client and copied to the LPA.

The arboricultural consultant shall directly supervise all demolition works that have to be undertaken within, or directly adjacent to, RPAs. These include All drawings or revised drawings issued to the site agent or to sub-contractors, that show details of any works within or immediately abutting RPAs or beneath the crowns of trees are to be referred in advance to the arboricultural consultant to enable him to advise on any changes to the impact on the trees that these drawings may cause, and to be able to provide solutions to avoid or mitigate any further tree damage. All such drawings will be approved and signed off by the arboricultural consultant before being proceeded with.

Sequence of works (relevant to protection of existing trees)		
Order	Works	Atb. supervision required:
1	Pre-commencement site meeting.	Yes
2	Removal of trees as per approval	No
3	Demolition of surfaces and foundations within RPAs of retained trees	Yes
4	Erection of protective fencing around trees nos. 72 and 73.	Yes
5	Clearance of demolition machinery/materials from site.	No
6	Removal of protective fencing and ground protection.	No
7	Installation of protection measures for construction phase in accordance with approved tree protection plan	No

Protective Fencing

To be erected prior to the commencement of all works on site, and retained in place throughout construction. To comprise either 2.4m wooden site hoarding; or a 2m high scaffolding framework, with uprights at maximum 3m spacings, every other one braced to the ground with 45 degree struts; supporting standard anti-climb 'Heras' welded mesh fence panels secured with anti-lift devices to concrete or plastic bases pinned to the ground by scaffold uprights sunk to a minimum depth of 600mm; individual panels fixed to each other with at least 2 clamps and to scaffolding with heavy-duty cable ties. "TREE PROTECTION ZONE - KEEP OUT" or similar notices to be attached to every fifth panel.

TREE PROTECTION FENCING as shown in BS 5837: 2012, Section 6.2.2 & Figure 2.

Supervised demolition

Within root protection areas (RPAs) existing foundations and hard surfaces shall be removed with care, under the direct supervision of the arboricultural consultant. Foundations and surfaces will be broken up with hand-held breakers, and then removed by hand, wheelbarrow, or in the bucket of an excavator standing outside the RPA. At the discretion of the arboricultural consultant, an excavator positioned outside the RPA and using an appropriately sized toothless bucket may be used in some instances. Once completed, the base of the excavation and/or the edge closest to the trees will be covered immediately with hessian sacking to prevent drying out of the soil, and where necessary be shuttered to prevent soil collapse.

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Tree nos.: ● 53	Trees to be removed: ● 76	Canopies of trees to be retained: ●
Category 'A' RPA: ●	Category 'B' RPA: ●	Category 'C' RPA: ●
Protective fencing: —	Supervised demolition: ▨	

For further information refer to the SJA Tree Schedule

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