

ARBORICULTURAL METHOD STATEMENT

This Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS) has been prepared by Tyler Grange Group Ltd (TG) on behalf of Aldi Store to discharge Condition 11 of full planning permission at Land to the South of Gazette Close, Winnersh, RG41 5HH (hereafter referred to as the 'site').

- Condition 11 states that:
- No development or other operation shall commence on site until an Arboricultural Method Statement and Scheme of Works which provides for the retention and protection of trees, shrubs and hedges growing on or adjacent to the site in accordance with BS5837: 2012 has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. No development or other operations shall take place except in complete accordance with the details as so-approved (hereinafter referred to as the Approved Scheme).
 - No operations shall commence on site in connection with development hereby approved (including any tree felling, tree pruning, demolition works, soil moving, temporary access construction and or widening or any other operation involving use of motorised vehicles or construction machinery) until the tree protection works required by the Approved Scheme are in place on site.
 - No excavations for services, storage of materials or machinery, parking of vehicles, deposit or excavation of soil or rubble, lighting of fires or disposal of liquids shall take place within an area designated as being fenced off or otherwise protected in the Approved Scheme.
 - The fencing or other works which are part of the Approved Scheme shall not be moved or removed, temporarily or otherwise, until all works including external works have been completed and all equipment, machinery and surplus materials removed from the site, unless the prior approval in writing of the local planning authority has first been sought and obtained.

- Copies of this AMS must be available for inspection on site and all personnel must be made aware of the key implications of this AMS during the construction phase(s) of the development. The site manager and all other personnel must be provided with this document to ensure that:

- All requirements of this Tree Protection Scheme are adhered to
- The site manager and site personnel are updated of any approved changes or variations to this document (approval for alterations must be obtained in writing from the LPA);
- Site personnel must work in accordance with this document at all times, or in accordance with any approved variation; and
- The tree protection measures are left in place until the construction phase of development is completed, except with the written consent of the LPA.

TIMING OF WORKS:

- The developer shall appoint an Arboricultural Clerk of Works (ACW) who shall act in the interest of ensuring that retained trees are, as far as possible, not adversely affected by the works. The ACW shall be an appropriately qualified and experienced individual, familiar with written best practice and with a proven track record in management of construction projects affecting existing trees. It is recommended that the ACW shall attend site at the following stages of development.

STAGE	IN ATTENDANCE
Site Clearance and tree pruning	Contractor and ACW
Tree protection fencing installation	Site manager, Contractor and ACW
Removal of tree protection fencing	Contractor, Site manager and ACW
Post development (if needed)	Contractor and ACW

TREE REMOVAL AND PRUNING WORKS:

- Trees to be removed will be restricted to 15 trees within Group G2 and partial removal of G22 as shown on the TRRP. Pruning works is required to Group G1 as shown on the TRRP. Tree removals is denoted by a red dashed tree canopy outline and pruning works is denoted by a magenta hatch area. Trees to be removed should be clearly identified on-site (via spray marking / taping / tagging as required) by an appointed project Arboriculturist to avoid erroneous tree felling. Remaining stumps from felled trees must be carefully ground out as opposed to pulled out with a machine. This is required to avoid up-rooting and disturbance within the rooting environment of retained trees.
- Tree removal and pruning works should be carried out prior to the installation of tree protection barriers. Tree works must be undertaken in accordance with BS3998:2010 by a competent tree contractor and should avoid the main nesting season for birds between 1st March and 31st August each year. If such timescales are unachievable, the advice of an ecologist will need to be sought to determine any further necessary protective and precautionary working measures to avoid disturbance to nesting birds and other wildlife.

TREE PROTECTION BARRIERS:

- In order to protect the above and below ground features and characteristics of retained trees from damage during construction, tree protection fencing will be installed as illustrated by a solid purple fenceline. The locations of tree protection barriers have been informed by the Root Protection Areas and canopies of retained trees and groups of trees. Tree protection barriers will be fully installed before the arrival of any plant or construction activity on-site. The barriers will serve to prohibit any access into the RPAs, and unless otherwise stated in this AMS, tree protection barriers will remain in place for the duration of construction work until is deemed completed.
- Tree protection fencing will consist of the default specification recommended within BS5837:2012, comprising a scaffold framework, well braced to resist impacts, with vertical tubes spaced at a maximum of 3m to add further stability. Onto this, weldmesh panels will be securely fixed with wire or scaffold clamps (see extract of BS 5837 - Figure A). An alternative reduced specification will be used for low-intensity areas as shown on the TPP. This reduced specification will comprise a heras panels braces by a stabiliser strut and secured to ground with pins (see Figure B).
- Special attention is essential in maintaining the protective barriers during the construction, ensuring that it remains rigid and complete as well as fit for the purpose intended. To avoid disturbances to the protective barriers once installed, they will be inspected frequently, including during site visits by the project Arboriculturist. Repairs shall be made immediately where required.

WORKS WITHIN THE RPAs:

- It has been confirmed from onsite ground investigations, that there is a significant level change within the RPA's of T11,T13,19 and 20. This is due to the existence of a drainage ditch and existing topography outside the direct development area. Furthermore, Whilst the RPA's of these trees have been shown as a concentric circle, it is anticipated that their RPA's do not extend into the site as significantly as shown and RPA's have been plotted this way as a cautionary measure only. As a result there is no need for no-dig construction in this area and the installation of hard surfacing in this area will not have have an adverse impact on trees. The incursion at these locations is considered to be within the 20% limit for permanent hard standing in line with BS5837.

GENERAL SITE PRECAUTIONS:

- The following points must be observed during both advanced works and the construction process:

- No fires will be lit on-site;
- Cutting down, uprooting, damaging or otherwise destroying any retained tree is prohibited;
- No access will be permitted inside RPAs (unless authorisation is obtained in writing from the LPA);
- No materials, equipment or debris will be stored within the RPA at any time;
- If during demolition or construction, there are any excessive levels of dust build-up on retained trees then trees must be hosed down immediately with a clean water supply;
- Notice boards, telephone wires or other services must not be attached to any part of retained trees; and;
- Materials which will contaminate the soil (e.g. concrete, cement, chemical toilets, diesel oil, vehicle washings etc.) must not be permitted within, or close to RPAs of retained trees. Consideration must be given to any sloping ground on-site to ensure that contamination of soil in the RPA would not occur if there were spillage, seepage or displacement elsewhere on-site. To avoid any associated damage or injury occurring to the trees as a direct result of contact with contaminants, works including cement mixing, re-fuelling and tool or machine washing will not be permitted within 20m uphill of any retained tree.

PROCEDURES FOR INCIDENTS:

- If any breach of the approved tree protection measures occurs:

- The site manager must be informed immediately;
- The Local Planning Authority Tree officer (or other Planning Officer) must be informed, as well as the appointed project Arboriculturist at the earliest opportunity;
- Swift action must be taken to halt the breach and prevent any further breaches; and
- All preventative action and details of agreed remedial works must be recorded and reported to the LPA.

Figure A: Default specification for protective barrier

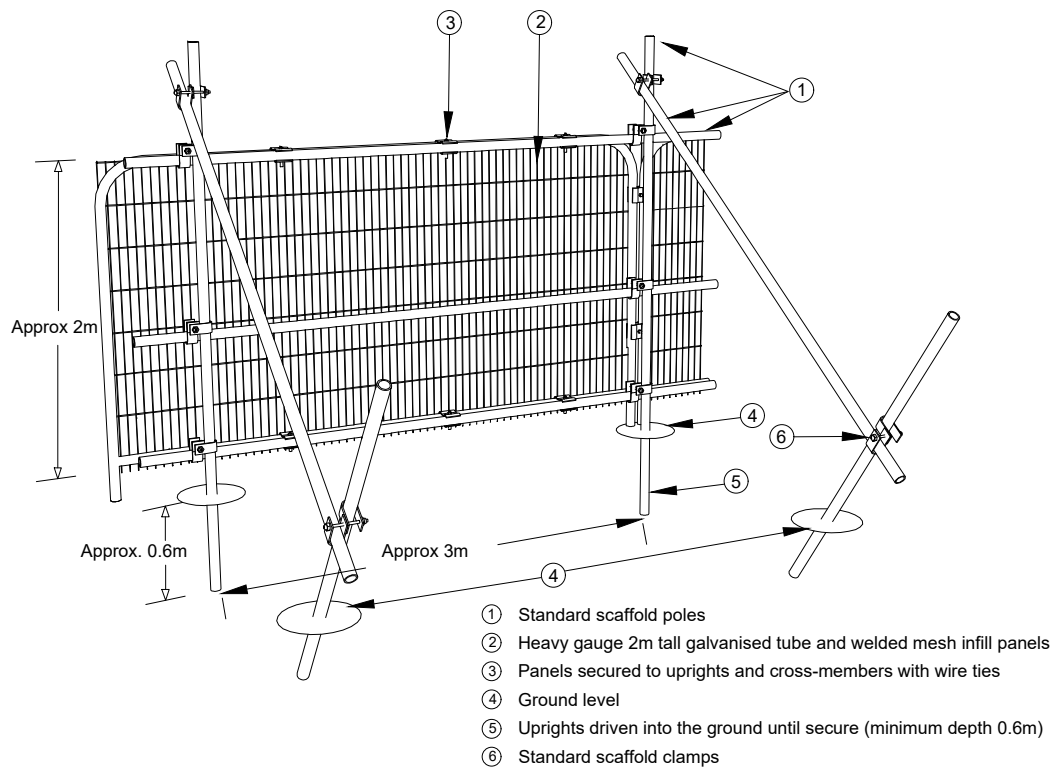
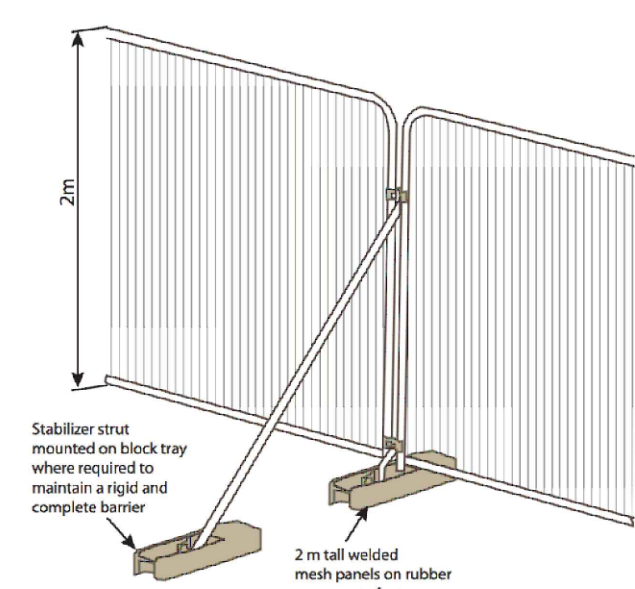


Figure B: Reduced protective barrier specification



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TREE RETENTION AND REMOVAL PLAN

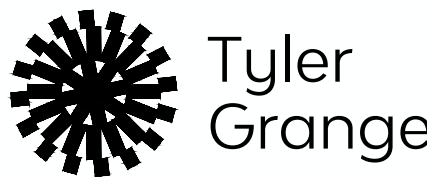


TREE PROTECTION PLAN

- Application Boundary
- Category A - Trees of High Quality and Value
- Category B - Trees of Moderate Quality and Value
- Category C - Trees of Low Quality and Value
- Category U - Trees in Poor Condition
- Root Protection Areas
- Proposed Tree Removals
- Proposed Tree Pruning
- Tree Protection Barrier Locations
- Reduced Tree Protection Barrier

*Denotes trees and groups not identified on topographical survey. Locations approximated using measurements taken on site.

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