

TREE PROTECTION SCHEME

(ARB. METHOD STATEMENT & TREE PROTECTION PLAN)

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PROJECT - Avenue House
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PURPOSE OF DOCUMENT

This document details the methodology behind the installation of any required tree protection measures, and any demolition and construction activities with the potential to cause harm to the site's trees.

The methods outlined in this document must be implemented as per this document. Failure to do so may result in a breach of planning or significant fines.

ARBORICULTURAL DOCUMENT REGISTER

Planning Documents		Version Issued	
Document	Ref.	Current Version	Document Date
Arb. Impact Assessment	P2947-AIA01	V2	26/01/2023
Arb. Site Plan (Existing)	P2947-ASP01	V1	13/12/2022
Arb. Site Plan (Proposed)	P2947-ASP02	V2	26/01/2023

Technical Documents		Version Issued	
Document	Ref.	Current Version	Document Date
Tree Protection Scheme	P2947-TPS01	V2	26/01/2023

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1. USE OF DOCUMENT

- 1.1.1. This document has been produced to assist key design and construction personnel in ensuring the satisfactory protection of all important trees present within the development site.

1.2. SITE

- 1.2.1. The site discussed within this report is located at:

Avenue House,
Mill Lane,
Sindlesham,
Wokingham,
RG41 5DF

2. ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

2.1. SCOPE OF DOCUMENT

- 2.1.1. This document consists of the following:

- Arboricultural Method Statement

- 2.1.2. Appendices included with this report are:

- Tree Protection Plan (P2947-TPP01)
- CEZ Notice
- Schedule of Arboricultural Supervision

2.2. PROJECT CONTACTS

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2.3. AUTHOR

- 2.3.1. Alistair Godfrey is a tree surveyor. He has worked in arboriculture for 6 years, initially working with tree surgery firms to carry out domestic tree work operations. He has worked at Cambridge University Botanic Gardens for 3 years on the Tree and Shrub team and has recently worked on a large-scale tree planting plan with the National Trust. He has a level 4 Certificate in arboriculture and LANTRA Professional Tree Inspection.

- 2.3.2. This report has been checked and edited by Benjamin Hallinan MArborA.

2.4. SUMMARY OF TERMS

Term	Definition
Species	The type of tree.
Stem	The main woody upright portion of a tree that is supported by the roots and supports the crown.
Branch Spread	The length of a tree's branches from stem to tip measured from the north, east, south and western sides of the crown.
BS 5837	The commonly used name for the official guidance document relating to trees and development (<i>BS 5837:2012 - Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations</i>)
Canopy / Crown	The branches, leaves, and reproductive structures extending from the trunk or main stems of a tree/trees.
DBH	Diameter of a tree's stem, measured as per BS 5837:2012
RPA	The root protection area (RPA) is a layout design tool indicating the minimum area around a tree deemed to contain sufficient roots and rooting volume to maintain the tree's viability, and where the protection of the roots and soil structure is treated as a priority.
Facilitation Tree Works	Tree pruning/felling required in order to facilitate the implementation of the proposed development.
Tolerance	The relative tolerance the species can show to construction related activities such as root-loss, soil compaction and other development pressures.
Category (Cat.)	Categorisation of the tree's value based on the methodology shown in Appendix 1, A1.4. This rating takes into account the size, quality, condition, estimated remaining life expectancy and legal status of each tree.

2.5. LIMITATIONS

- 2.5.1. Any engineering solutions presented within this document are recommendations for their suitability from an arboricultural viewpoint. The architect and structural engineers should make the final decision on the suitability of the methods advised.
- 2.5.2. Information provided by third parties, considered in the creation of this report, is assumed to be correct.

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3. RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1. DISTRIBUTION

- 3.1.1. It is important to ensure everyone involved in the planning and design of the proposed development is aware of this report and has access to a copy as soon as it is released.

3.2. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.2.1. Successful implementation of tree protection measures and long-term tree retention depends on coordination between the client and key personnel involved in the development.

- 3.2.2. The client and agent shall ensure that:

The site manager and all other personnel are provided with this document.
All planning conditions relating to underground works, services, trees, and landscaping are cleared before development commences.
All requirements of this Tree Protection Plan are adhered to.
The site manager is updated of any approved changes or variations to this document

- 3.2.3. The client and site manager shall ensure that:

A copy of this document with the plan is easily accessible for site personnel to refer to before and during the time construction activity is taking place.
All personnel working on the site are made aware of the tree protection plan and arboricultural method statements covering any activities they will undertake. This duty includes delegating the task of briefing personnel in the absence of the site manager.
The tree protection measures are left in place until the construction phase of development is completed, except with the written consent of the LPA.
Site personnel are updated of any approved changes or variations to the approved tree protection measures.
All personnel must work in accordance with this document at all times, or in accordance with approved variation.

3.3. PROCEDURES FOR INCIDENTS

3.3.1. If any breach of the approved tree protection measures occurs the site manager must:

• The Local Planning Authority Tree officer or other Planning Officer and the Author of this report shall be notified.
• The site manager must be informed immediately.
• Swift action must be taken to halt the breach and prevent any further breach.
• Damage mitigation measures appropriate to the scale of the incident will be deployed where required.

3.4. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

3.4.1. The following must not be carried out under any circumstances:

• Cutting down, uprooting, damaging or otherwise destroying any retained tree.
• Lighting a fire within 10 metres of the canopy of any retained tree.
• Equipment, signage, fencing, tree protection barriers, materials, components, vehicles or structures shall not be attached to or supported by a retained tree.
• Mixing cement, chemical toilets and other use or storage of anything that would be harmful to trees shall not take place within, or close to a Root Protection Area (RPA). The distance away from the RPA must be sufficient, and the slope of the site must be such that contamination of soil in the RPA would not occur if there were spillage, seepage or displacement.
• No plant or equipment or vehicle with a hydraulic arm such as a mini digger shall be operated within striking distance of the stem and branches or the RPA of any retained tree unless otherwise specified in this report.

3.4.2. No alterations or variations shall be made to the approved tree protection measures without written approval from the LPA.

4. PHASING

4.1. PHASING OF DEVELOPMENT

- 4.1.1. The development should be carried out in the following order (see table 1) unless otherwise agreed in writing with the LPA. Each step should be completed before moving onto the next.
- 4.1.2. The general responsibilities described in section 3 of the report must be implemented for the entire time that the site is undergoing development related works. However, the additional precautions detailed in the following arboricultural guidance notes (AGN) must be implemented at the stage indicated below.

Stage	Arboricultural Guidance Note	Plan
Facilitative Tree Works	* Works should be undertaken by suitably qualified and insured arborists, in line with 'BS 3998:2010 Tree Work. Recommendations'	Arb Site Plan (Proposed) (P2947-ASP02 V2)
Pre-Commencement	AGN1 – Installation of Tree Protection Barriers	Tree Protection Plan (P2947-TPP01 V2)
Site Clearance & Demolition	AGN2 – Demolition of Outbuilding	Tree Protection Plan (P2947-TPP01 V2)
Groundworks & Installation of Foundations		
Construction		
Removal of Tree Protection Measures	* Tree protection measures may be removed	
Landscaping		

Table 1 – Timing and implementation of specific arboricultural measures

5. TREE WORKS

5.1. TREE WORK REQUIREMENTS

5.1.1. The following tree work should be undertaken following acceptance of planning permission. These works should be undertaken by suitably qualified and insured arborists.

5.1.2. Work specification:

Tree Ref.	Tree Works
G2	Remove

Table 2 – Facilitation Tree Works

5.1.3. The location of the trees can be seen on the Arboricultural Site Plan (P2947-ASP02). Trees selected for removal will be shown with a red canopy fill.

5.2. GENERAL MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

5.2.1. The following tree works are in the interests of good arboricultural management. These should be undertaken following acceptance of planning permission. These works should be undertaken by suitably qualified and insured arborists.

5.2.2. Work specification:

Tree Ref.	Tree Works
T1	Removal of tree owing to structural concerns and lack of future potential (<u>Separate council permission may be required for its removal</u>)
T4	Remove significant deadwood (>20mm diameter and 300mm in length).
T5	Remove significant deadwood (>20mm diameter and 300mm in length).
T6	Remove significant deadwood (>20mm diameter and 300mm in length).

Table 3 – Recommended Tree Works (General Management)

6. ARBORICULTURAL GUIDANCE NOTES

AGN1 – INSTALLATION OF TREE PROTECTION BARRIERS

OUTLINE

Tree protection barriers must be installed so as to ensure that damage does not occur to the rooting areas, stems, and canopies of retained trees.

INSTALLATION METHODOLOGY

- i) The barriers shall be installed and removed in accordance with the timing of operations in section 4.1 and laid out in accordance with the appended Tree Protection Plan.
- ii) The “CEZ Notice” provided, should be used to create weather-proof notices that must be attached to the tree protection barriers at suitable intervals.
- iii) If any panel or support becomes damaged, immediate reinforcement must occur by adding panels in, compliant with the specification detailed below.
- iv) The default heavy-duty tree protection barrier specification is a vertical and horizontal scaffold framework, braced to resist impacts, as per *Figure 1*. The vertical tubes are spaced at a maximum interval of 3 metres and these are driven securely into the ground. Welded mesh panels are securely attached to the frame. During installation, it is important to consider the position of below ground services and structural roots, which must not be damaged. Where these constraints prevent the use of this specification, an alternative specification is given below.
- v) Alternative heavy-duty tree protection barrier design - 2-metre-tall welded mesh panels standing in rubber or concrete feet joined using a minimum of two anti-tamper couplers installed, so they can only be removed from inside the protected area. The fence couplers should be at spaced least 1 metre apart, but uniformly across the whole barrier. These panels must be supported within the protected area with struts attached to a base plate secured by ground pins as per *Figure 2a*.
- vi) Where the fencing is installed above retained hard surfacing and/or it is otherwise not feasible to use ground pins (e.g. due to underlying services or structural roots), the struts can be mounted on a block tray as per *Figure 2b*.
- vii) Arboricultural Sign-off – Following the installation of the barriers, the project’s arboricultural expert must confirm that they have been correctly laid out.

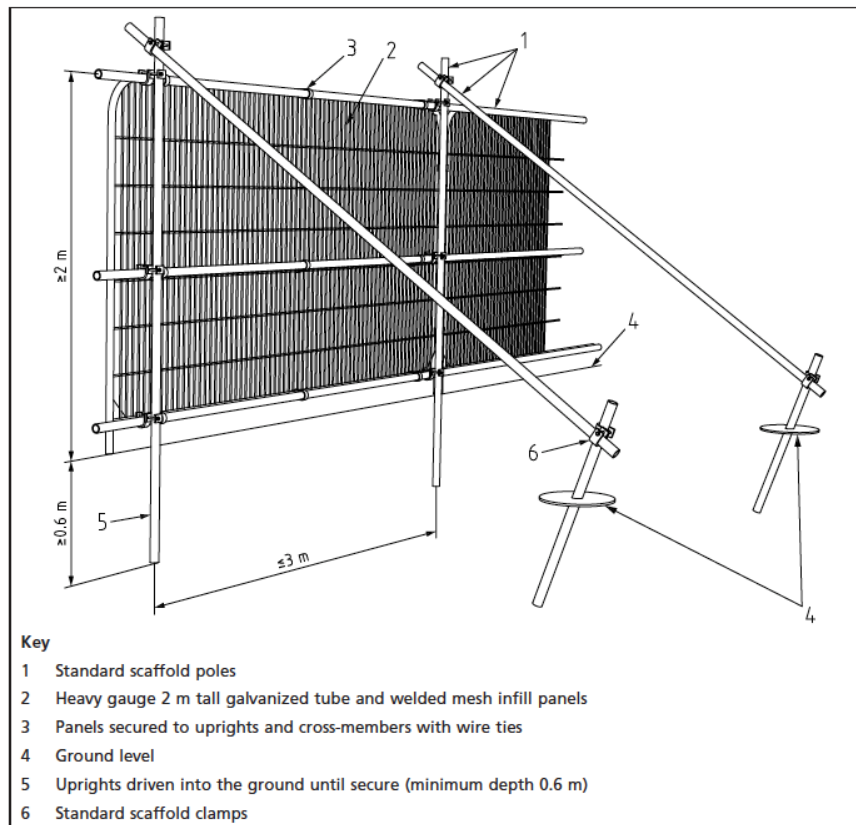


Figure 1 – Conventional tree protection barrier specification (source - BS 5837:2012 Section 6)

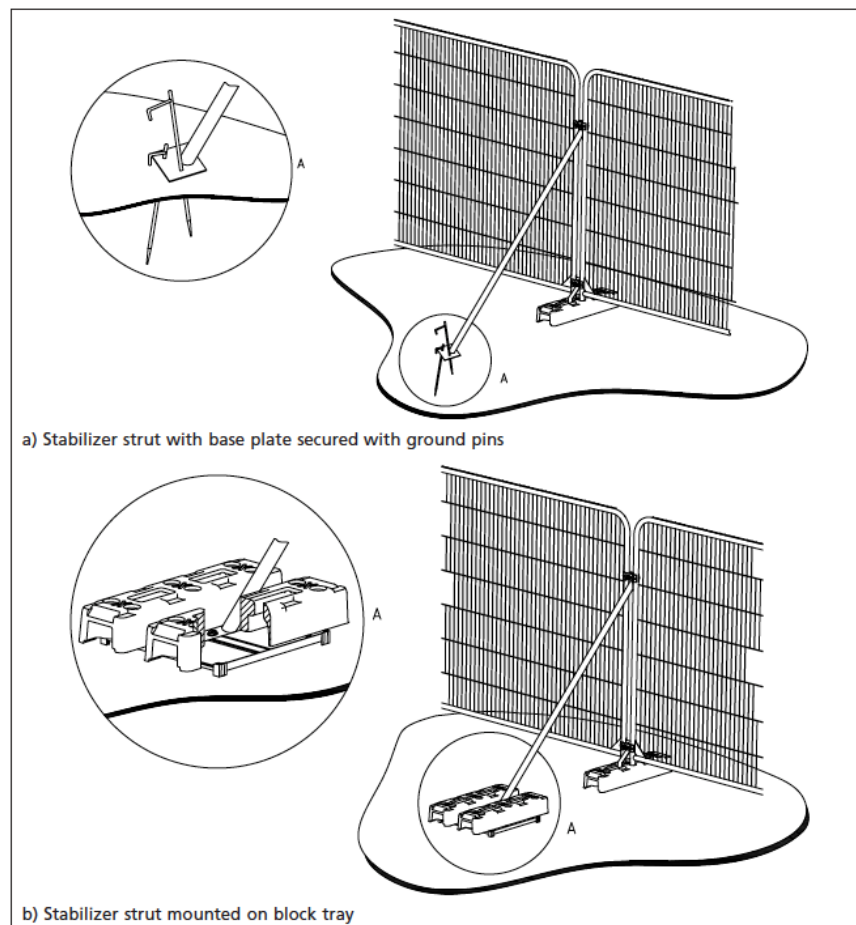


Figure 2 – Above ground stabilising systems (source - BS 5837:2012 Section 6)

AGN2 – DEMOLITION OF OUTBUILDING

OUTLINE

To ensure that nearby trees are not damaged during the demolition of the outbuilding, the following methodology must be used.

METHODOLOGY

- i) Any plant and vehicles engaged in demolition works must either operate from outside the RPA of all trees or from atop existing surfacing or temporary ground protection.
- ii) If possible, when within an RPA, existing building foundations should be left in-situ, to avoid unnecessary rooting area disruption. Should the retention of the existing foundations be unfeasible, their removal must be accomplished via excavation on the internal edge of the foundations. Excavations on the outer edge of the foundations should be avoided. The depth of excavations must not disturb the soil underlying the foundation.
- iii) Tree Protection Barriers should be modified to protect to newly exposed RPA immediately following the demolition.

7. APPENDICES

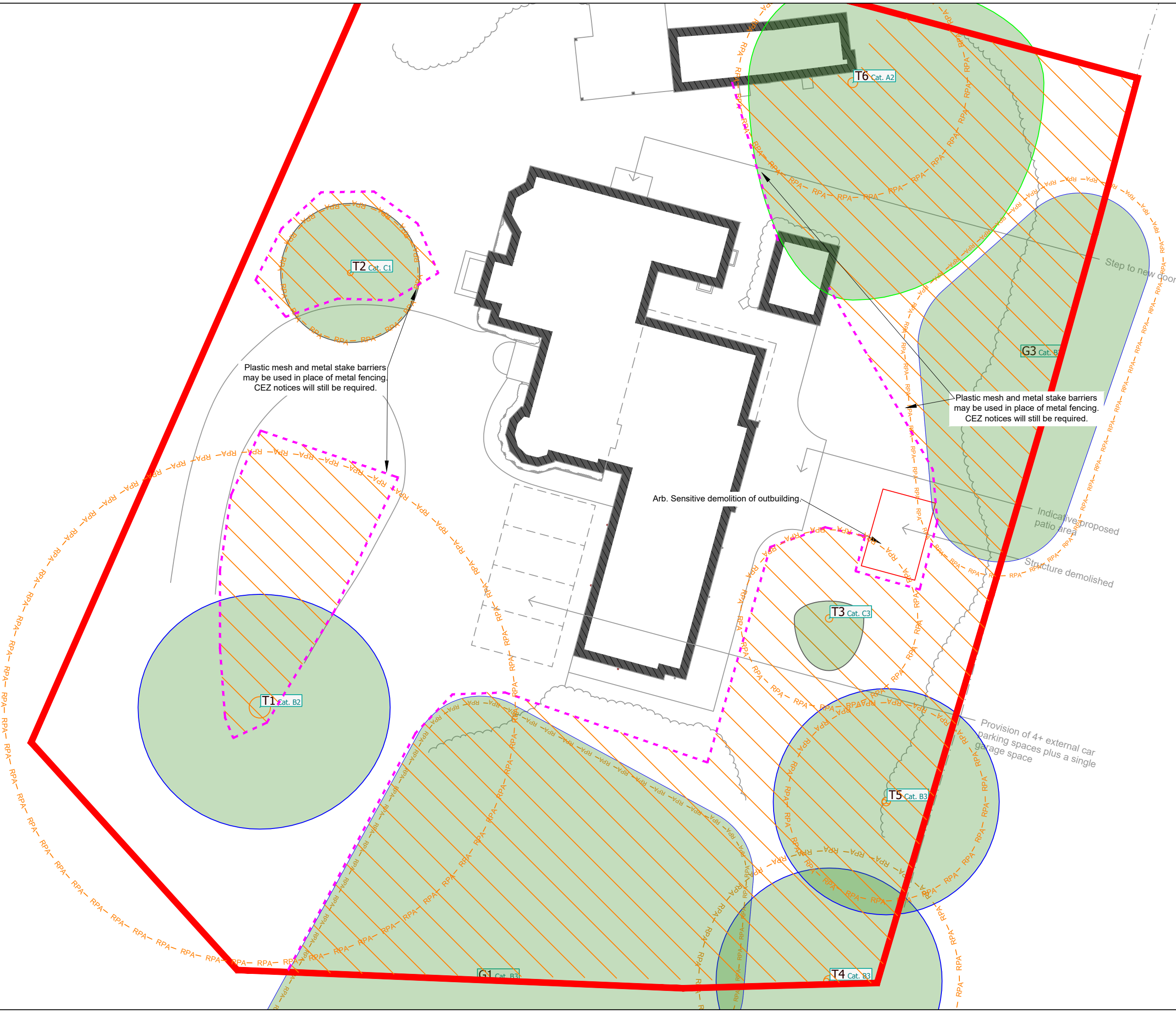
7.1. APPENDICES

7.1.1. The following appendices should be used in conjunction with this document:

Appendix	Document	Reference
1	Tree Protection Plan	P2947-TPP01 V2
2	CEZ Notice	n/a
3	Schedule of Arboricultural Supervision	n/a

APPENDIX 1

TREE PROTECTION PLAN



Use of This Document

This document should be **viewed in conjunction with the relevant arboricultural method statement** and must be implemented as stated for the duration of the site's development. Failure to do so may result in a breach of planning, and damage to protected trees; potentially resulting in fines. Any queries regarding the trees on site should be addressed by Ligna Consultancy Ltd: 01284 598008 / info@lignaconsultancy.co.uk

Root Protection Areas

The enforcement of root protection areas (RPAs) is vital for the successful retention of a site's trees during the development process. RPAs that are not covered by ground protection must not be subjected to the following activities unless otherwise stated within the Tree Protection Plan or Arboricultural Method Statement:

- materials storage
- pedestrian / vehicular movement
- excavation or soil level increase
- installation of new surfacing
- car parking
- mixing of cement
- any other infringement

Should any issues arise from the enforcement of root protection areas restricting necessary site works, the site manager should be informed, and the project's arboriculturalist contacted.

Incursions within RPAs

Excavation

Arb. Sensitive Demolition / Removal

Specialist Foundations/Surfacing and Site Features

Specialist Foundations

Pile / Screw Pile

Cellweb TRP

Demolished Building

Tree Protection Measures (Refer to Technical Specification)

Barriers - Stake and Mesh

Barriers - Metal Fencing

Stem Protection

Temporary Ground Protection

CEZ

Project: Avenue Road

Client: Mr Luke Bedford

Drawing: Tree Protection Plan

Drawing Ref: P2947-TTP01	Rev: V2	Date: 26/01/2023
Scale: 1:200 - A3		Drawn By: Alistair Godfrey

Based on: Architects drawings (2103 - 1004 A)

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APPENDIX 2 CEZ NOTICE

NO ENTRY



CONSTRUCTION EXCLUSION ZONE

This area contains trees which must be protected as part of the planning permission. Additional legal protection may also apply e.g. a Tree Preservation Order.

Removing or damaging trees in this area may be a breach in planning permission. Damage to protected trees may lead to a criminal conviction and / or a fine.

Should any issues arrive regarding the tree protection or its layout, please contact Ligna Consultancy Ltd for advice:

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APPENDIX 3

SCHEDULE OF SUPERVISION

APPENDIX 3 – SCHEDULE OF ARBORICULTURAL SUPERVISION

Date:

Planning Ref:

This statement is to confirm that of has undertaken the following supervision activities for the development at Avenue House; ensuring that any deviation from the approved tree protection scheme is recorded and appropriate action is undertaken.

Liability for any failure of compliance will remain with the client.

Arboricultural Sign-Off

The correct installation of the approved tree protection measures must be confirmed by the project's arboriculturalist in the table below. No further demolition or construction activities may occur until approval has been given by the project's arboriculturalist.

Failure to abide by the following schedule may result in a breach of planning. Any deviation from the agreed upon protection measures must be reported to the project arboriculturalist immediately.

Activity	Remote Supervision	Date	Protection Measures Compliant	Remedial Action Required
Pre-commencement site meeting	Yes			
Sign-off of correct installation of tree protection measures (pre-construction)	Yes			

Note – Remote video call or photographic supervision may be suitable in some instances. Where this is suitable, 'Yes' will be displayed in the 'Remote Supervision' column in the table above.



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