



ARBORICULTURAL METHOD STATEMENT

to BS 5837:2012 at

***Martin Croft Garages
Silkstone
Barnsley
South Yorkshire
S75 4JS***

This document describes how the trees will be protected and managed during the development of this site. It explains how and when the protection measures must be installed and maintained throughout the development.

A copy of this document report must be permanently available on site for the duration of all development activity and should be referenced for practical guidance on how to protect the retained trees at this site.

Prepared for:
DEVELOPMENTS BY BOUTIQUE LIMITED

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1. Introduction

1.1 Instruction

1.1.1 We are instructed by DEVELOPMENTS BY BOUTIQUE LIMITED to prepare an arboricultural method statement for the proposed development at:

- **Martin Croft Garages, Silkstone, Barnsley, South Yorkshire S75 4JS**

1.2 Purpose

1.2.1 This method statement has been prepared in order to demonstrate that the development operations at this site can be undertaken with minimal risk of adverse impact on the trees to be retained.

1.2.2 This method statement conforms to BS 5837:2012 *Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations*. It is based on the arboricultural data, collected at a site visit during June 2020, detailed within Appendix 3 of this report.

1.3 Description of Development

1.3.1 A residential development of 4 dwellings with associated access, landscaping and facilities.

1.3.2 The approved development layout has been provided by my client and is the basis for the Tree Protection Plan (TPP) at Appendix 4.

1.4 Details of Consent

1.4.1 Planning consent is subject to this method statement being agreed upon in advance by the Local Planning Authority. The contents of this report must be adhered to, before, during, and after the construction phase.

1.4.2 As such, no equipment, machinery or materials shall be brought onto the site in connection with the development until this arboricultural method statement detailing tree management and tree protection measures has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority.

2. Method Statement Timeline

2.1 Overview of Sequence of Operations

2.1.1 In overview, it is necessary to undertake the following sequence of operations in relation to arboricultural input for development operations.

- 1 Method Statement approved by the LPA.
- 2 Undertake tree / shrub pruning.
- 3 Install tree protection measures.
- 4 Pre commencement meeting/ confirm fencing is as specified.
- 5 Construction of new development.
- 6 Removal of tree protection.

2.2 Specific Sequence of Operations

2.2.1 The following timeline table informs the key principles for development operations proceeding in relation to arboricultural requirements conditioned as part of this method statement.

2.2.2 The actions and timescales within this table must be adhered to in order to discharge the arboricultural method statement planning condition for this site.

2.2.3 The precise timing and order of some of the development operations may need to be changed due to site specific operational requirements, yet any operations that may affect the trees on the site must be done so under arboricultural supervision by a suitably qualified person appointed by the contractor.

Sequence of Operations		
Stages	Action	Arboricultural Input
1 Approval	This AMS is submitted to and approved in writing by the LPA.	If necessary, liaise with contractor and LPA to discuss methodologies detailed.
2 Tree Works	Tree and shrub pruning shall be carried out as the first operation on site, in accordance with Appendix 3 and as detailed in section 3.1.	Review the tree work requirements with the tree contractor. If necessary, liaise with the contractor on site during tree works.
3 Tree Protection	Installing the tree protective measures will take place prior to any storage of plant, materials and machinery. As shown at Appendix 4.	If necessary, liaise with the contractor installing the protective fencing until completed to the standard specified in this method statement.
4 Site Meeting	Following installation of tree protective measures, the LPA shall be invited to inspect the fencing, and discuss any other site operations that have implications for trees.	Meeting with a representative of the LPA and the site manager. Alternatively, contractor can confirm the fencing, and tree works are as specified by taking photographs of the tree protection measures.
5 Construction	Undertake the construction of the new development.	If necessary, liaise with the local authority and the site foreman to ensure any issues are adequately resolved.
6 Site Finishing	Removal of tree protective measures must only be undertaken when all site traffic and machinery has left the site.	If acceptable to the LPA, the contractor can take photos of the site to give to the LPA to gain approval for the removal of protective fencing.

3. Tree Management

3.1 Tree Works

- 3.1.1 The development will require the pruning of the crown of the trees / shrubs G3, T4, and T13.
- 3.1.2 Additional pruning is recommended to G1, G2, T5, in line with good arboricultural management.
- 3.1.3 All tree work is detailed in appendix 3.
- 3.1.4 All tree work should be carried out according to British Standard 3998:2010 Tree Work - Recommendations.
- 3.1.5 When appointing a tree surgeon, only properly qualified and experienced companies should be used, who have adequate Public Liability and Employer's Liability Insurance.

4. Tree Protection

4.1 Tree Protection Fencing

- 4.1.1 The protective fencing for this site should be located as shown on the Tree Protection Plan (TPP) at Appendix 4 (as illustrated with a thick purple and orange line).
- 4.1.2 The precise fencing location may need to be slightly adjusted on site due to local site conditions but is not expected to differ from that shown on the TPP. The final fencing position must be agreed on by the LPA before the commencement of any site works.
- 4.1.3 The protective fencing will be appropriate to the degree and proximity of likely construction works. In this instance, the default BS 5837:2012 tree protection fencing is deemed disproportionate. An adequate level of protection for the trees could be provided by 'Heras' type fencing, of welded mesh panels on rubber or concrete feet.
- 4.1.4 For the low value boundary hedges and shrubs, heavy duty plastic mesh fencing secured to steel pins will suffice for protection measures.

- 4.1.5 The Heras fencing should be joined together using a minimum of two anti-tamper couplers, installed so that they can only be removed from inside the fence. The fencing panels should be supported on the inner side by stabilizer struts, which should normally be attached to a base plate secured with ground pins or mounted on a block tray (see Appendix 1 for an example).
- 4.1.6 The area enclosed by the fencing is referred to as the Construction Exclusion Zone (CEZ); this area should be considered a restricted area. No pedestrians, vehicles, storage of materials, equipment or machinery should be allowed within the CEZ unless specified within this method statement. The site manager must ensure that all personnel are aware of the restrictions that apply to the fenced-off area.
- 4.1.7 Once the fencing is erected, waterproof warning signs labelled 'Tree Protection Area' should be placed at 3m intervals to ensure that all personnel are aware of the restrictions that apply to the fenced-off area (see Appendix 1 for an example sign).
- 4.1.8 The protective fencing should be inspected for faults or damage by the site manager or other responsible named person on a regular basis and a written record kept. Any faults or defects should be repaired or replaced as soon as is reasonably practicable. The Tree Protection Fencing shall not be removed, breached or altered without prior written authorisation from the local planning authority and under arboricultural supervision by a suitable named responsible individual appointed by the site manager.

4.2 Drainage and Utilities

- 4.2.2 Drainage and utilities are to be directed away from the retained trees. Over-ground services should ideally be routed away from areas where they are likely to interfere with the crowns of mature trees. New underground services should be grouped together and routed away from RPAs. *NJUG 10: Guidelines for the Planning, Installation and Maintenance of Utility Services in Proximity to Trees* should be considered when installing services.

4.3 Additional Precautions

- 4.3.2 Allowance should be made for operations outside of the CEZ that could indirectly impact on trees. Including space for site huts, temporary toilet facilities (including their drainage) and other temporary structures; and space for storing (whether temporary or long-term) materials.

- 4.3.3 Care must be taken to prevent contamination with chemical spillages, including petrol, diesel and oils. Cement mixers and any other toxic materials should not be permitted within the RPA of the trees. Any materials whose accidental spillage would cause damage to a tree should be stored and handled well away from the outer edge of its RPA.
- 4.3.4 Fires on the site should be avoided if possible. Where they are unavoidable, and approved by the Local environmental health authority, they should not be lit in a position where heat could affect foliage or branches. The potential size of a fire and the wind direction should be considered when determining its location, and it should be attended always until safe enough to leave.

5. Signature

I trust this report provides all the required information.

Signed



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Appendix 1: Images and Figures

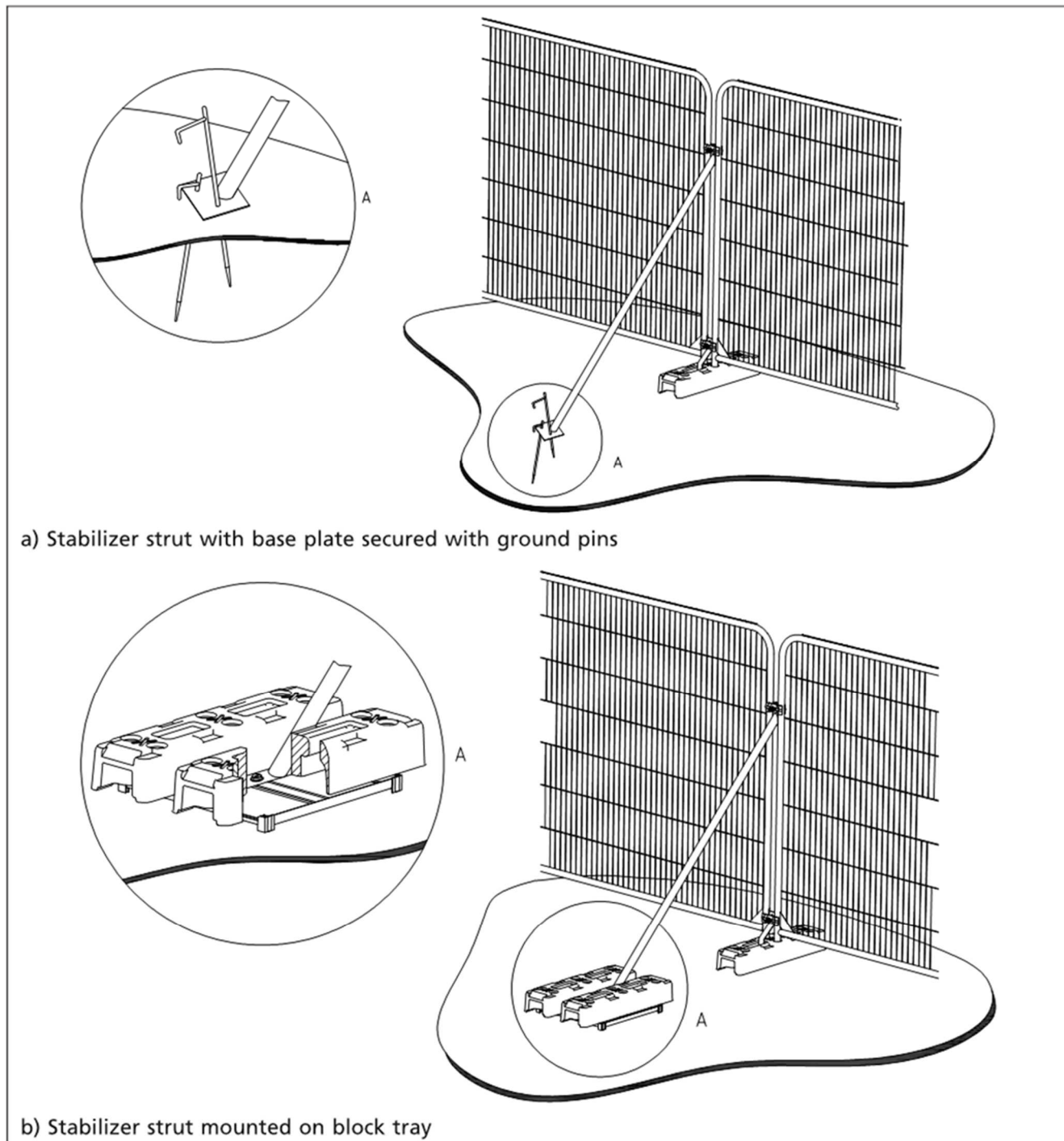


Figure 1: Secured 'Heras' type fencing with stabilizing system and fixed central pins (©BSI)



Figure 2: Secured 'Heras' type fencing with stabilizing system and anti-tamper couplers



Figure 3: Heavy Duty Plastic Mesh Fencing



Figure 4: Warning sign for fencing



Figure 5: Example of A3 Correx Tree Protection Warning Sign fixed to fencing panel.

Appendix 2: Relevant Contact Details

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Tree ID	Tree Species		Measurements					Crown (m)					Tree Condition							Value		Management
	Common Name	Latin Name	Maturity	Height (m)	Stems	Stem Dia (mm)	Estimated	Ave Height	N	E	S	W	Roots	Stem	Crown	Comments	Physiological	Structural	Life Expectancy	Amenity	Category	Works
G1	Privet	<i>Ligustrum ovalifolium</i>	Semi-mature	2.5	10+	50 avg	No	0	See Plan				No visual defects	Single & multiple stemmed, Vertical, Stubs, Tight union	Old pruning wounds	Managed hedge.	Fair	Good	20 to 40 yrs	Low	C	No works required to facilitate development. Advised to maintain at current height and spread
G2	Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Semi-mature	6	10+	100 avg	No	0.5	See Plan				No visual defects	Single & multiple stemmed at base, Vertical, Old pruning wounds, Stubs, Tight union	Old pruning wounds	Sparse previously managed boundary hedge.	Fair	Fair	>40 yrs	Low / Moderate	C	No works required to facilitate development. Advised to maintain at current height and spread
G3	Holly	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	Early-mature	11	10+	130 avg	No	0	2	4	3	2.5	No visual defects	Multiple stemmed at base, Vertical, Old pruning wounds, Epicormic growths, Tight union, Partially included bark	Old pruning wounds	Previously managed as a 5m tall hedge. Now overgrown, although still managed as a hedge on southern side up to 2.5m.	Good	Fair	20 to 40 yrs	Low	C	Prune back northern overhanging crown by around 1m to suitable points within site boundary.
T4	Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Semi-mature	7.5	1	90	No	3	3	3	0.5	0.5	No visual defects	Single stemmed, Significant lean, Old pruning wounds, Stubs, Epicormic growths	Small / sparse, Minor deadwood	Sparse crown due to dense surrounding foliage that has been removed.	Fair	Fair	20 to 40 yrs	Low	C	Prune back northern overhanging crown by around 1m to suitable points within site boundary.

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T5	Hazel	<i>Corylus avellana</i>	Early-mature	11	10+	80	No	2	1	6	4	2	No visual defects	Multiple stemmed at base, Vertical, Stubs, Epicormic growths, Bark damage, Tight union, Partially included bark	Unbalanced, Minor deadwood, Pruning wounds	Northern stems recently removed causing damage to the stems and crown.	Good	Fair	20 to 40 yrs	Low	C	No urgent works required - advised to coppice near to ground level
G6	Dogwood, Elder, Elm, Oak, Rowan, Willow	<i>Cornus sp.</i> <i>Sambucus sp.</i> <i>Ulmus sp.</i> <i>Quercus sp.</i> <i>Sorbus sp.</i> <i>Salix sp.</i>	Semi-mature	7	10+	100 avg	No	0.5	See Plan				No visual defects	Single & multiple stemmed, Vertical, Stubs, Tight union	Normal, Minor deadwood	Understory to the larger individual trees. Occasional dead stem throughout.	Fair	Good	>40 yrs	Low	C	No works required
T7	Lime	<i>Tilia europaea</i>	Early-mature	12	1	340	No	2	3	2.5	3.5	5	No visual defects	Twin stemmed at 2m, Slight lean, Tight union, Ivy covered	Unbalanced, Minor deadwood		Good	Fair	>40 yrs	Moderate	B	No works required
T8	Lime	<i>Tilia europaea</i>	Early-mature	12	1	360	No	3.5	2.5	3	2.5	3.5	No visual defects	Twin stemmed at 2m, Slight lean, Tight union, Ivy covered	Unbalanced, Minor deadwood		Good	Fair	>40 yrs	Moderate	B	No works required
T9	Maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>	Early-mature	12	1	330	No	2	3	2.5	2.5	4.5	No visual defects	Twin stemmed at 1.5m, Vertical, Old pruning wounds, Ivy covered	Normal, Minor deadwood		Good	Good	>40 yrs	Moderate	B	No works required

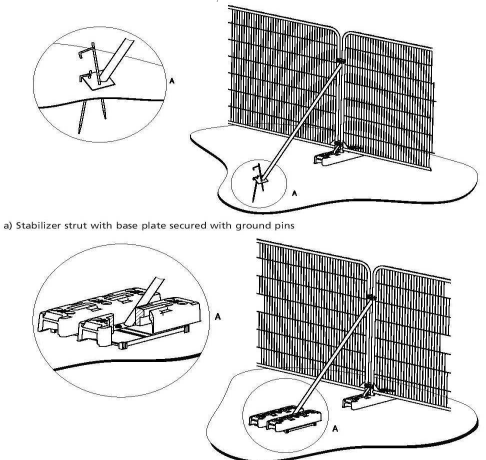
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T10	Lime	<i>Tilia europaea</i>	Early-mature	12	1	300	No	1	3.5	4	0.5	0.5	No visual defects	Single stemmed, Slight lean, Old pruning wounds, Stubs, Ivy covered	Small / sparse, Unbalanced, Minor deadwood		Fair	Fair	20 to 40 yrs	Moderate	C	No works required
T11	Willow	<i>Salix fragilis</i>	Semi-mature	12	2	180, 170	No	3	4	2	1	6	No visual defects	Twin stemmed at base, Slight lean, Stubs, Epicormic growths, Ivy covered	Unbalanced, Moderate deadwood		Fair	Fair	>40 yrs	Moderate	C	No works required
T12	Willow	<i>Salix fragilis</i>	Early-mature	15	1	470	No	6	4	5.5	3.5	3	No visual defects	Single stemmed, Significant lean, Stubs, Tight union	Moderate dieback, Snapped / hanging branches		Good	Fair	20 to 40 yrs	Moderate	B	No works required
T13	Holly	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	Semi-mature	7	7	80	No	1	3.5	2	2.5	2.5	No visual defects, Soil erosion	Multiple stemmed at base, Vertical, Old pruning wounds, Stubs, Tight union, Partially included bark	Normal, Minor deadwood		Fair	Fair	20 to 40 yrs	Low	C	Prune back southern crown by around 1m to suitable points to facilitate new development - advised to coppice near to ground level

Heras fencing to run along bottom of banking

Inset 3: Tree Protection Fencing Sign



Inset 1: Heras Tree Protection



b) Stabilizer strut mounted on block tray

Inset 2: Plastic Mesh Tree Protection Fencing



Appendix 4:
Tree Protection Plan
Martin Croft Garages, Silkstone, S754JS
Ref: AWA4270

BRITISH STANDARD 5837:2012
SCALE: 1:200 PAPER: A3

	TREES TO BE RETAINED
	TREES FOR REMOVAL
	RPA: ROOT PROTECTION AREA
	TREE STEM
	HERAS TREE PROTECTION FENCING
	PLASTIC MESH TREE PROTECTION FENCING

Heras fencing to run along bottom of banking

Mesh fencing along edge of hedge shrubs

