2016/0229 _Prior Notification for Change of Use from agricultural buildings to 3 no. dwellinghouses at Ashley Grange, 116 Haigh Lane, Hoylandswaine, Sheffield, S36 7JQ
Note to discharge Condition 5.

1. Introduction
This Arboricultural Method Statement has been requested by Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council to discharge Condition 5 of Approval No. 2016/0229 for the Change of use from agricultural buildings to 3 no. dwellinghouses (Prior Notification) at Ashley Grange, Haigh Lane, Hoylandswaine. It details the works recommended in relation to the protected trees Reference Numbers T1, T2 and T3 which are identified on the Tree Location drawing JGD (17515)100.
The existing tree cover comprises a Sycamore to the south of the access road and Oak and Ash trees and groundcover scrub to the north-east of the development site.

2. General Method Statement
An application has been made to remove one tree on the site:
The two remaining trees identified would benefit from minor tree work. There are further self set saplings which should be removed.
The tree works are potentially hazardous by nature. The training in work procedures, safe systems of working and management systems shall ensure that the works are completed in a safe manner.
All works are to fully comply with the following:
2.1 Prior to commencing work trees and branches to be removed will be identified by the Specialist in collaboration with the LA Tree Officer.
2.2 All employees are to be briefed on work to be carried out and the sequence which this will follow.
2.3 Good safe working practices to be followed
2.4 Risk assessments carried out identifying potential hazards on site
2.5 Working zone to be cordoned off and clearly sign posted to mitigate hazards identified in the site risk assessment
2.6 All work to be carried out using safe working practices in accordance with FWAG and NPTC training.
2.7 At all times on site the appropriate PPE must be worn which is helmet with visor, ear defenders and chin strap; chainsaw protective trousers (class C); gloves and protective steel toe cap boots (class 1).
2.8 All pruning to be carried out in accordance with British standard BS 3998:2010 Tree Work Recommendations
2.9 All climbing equipment must be used safely and be within a valid LOLER test certification date
2.10 All branch wood to be chipped and removed from site
2.11 Once work is completed all signs to be removed and site left safe and tidy
2.12 Prior to departure, notification will be given to the Client's representative.

3. Phase One – Pre-start Meeting
A pre-start meeting involving the contractor and the LPA tree officer to discuss and confirm the works should be scheduled.

4. Phase Two – Tree Removal
Phase two comprises the removal of one oak tree close to one of the barns for which permission has been requested and verbally received from Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council:
This tree will be marked in advance and is shown on the plan JGD (17515)100
The removal of this tree should avoid damage to the protected root areas of adjacent retained trees by using temporary ground protection measures to mitigate soil compaction. This is to comprise

timber Sterling board. This must be installed to approval before work commences. Access and egress is to be via the existing access road. The stump of the tree to be removed should be ground out as detailed in section 7.

5. Phase Three – Tree Work

All three trees are protected by a tree preservation order and no work can be undertaken without prior approval by application to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council.

The following trees would benefit from pruning work:

Ref: T1 Sycamore Clean old pruning works. Recommend crown lifting to just below lowest branchto North.

Ref: T3 Ash Recommend removal of basal suckers and self-set saplings. Crown lift to lowest branch to the West.

Tree work is a specialist task that requires competent operatives, adequately insured. Approved contractors for tree work may be obtained from the Arboricultural Association.

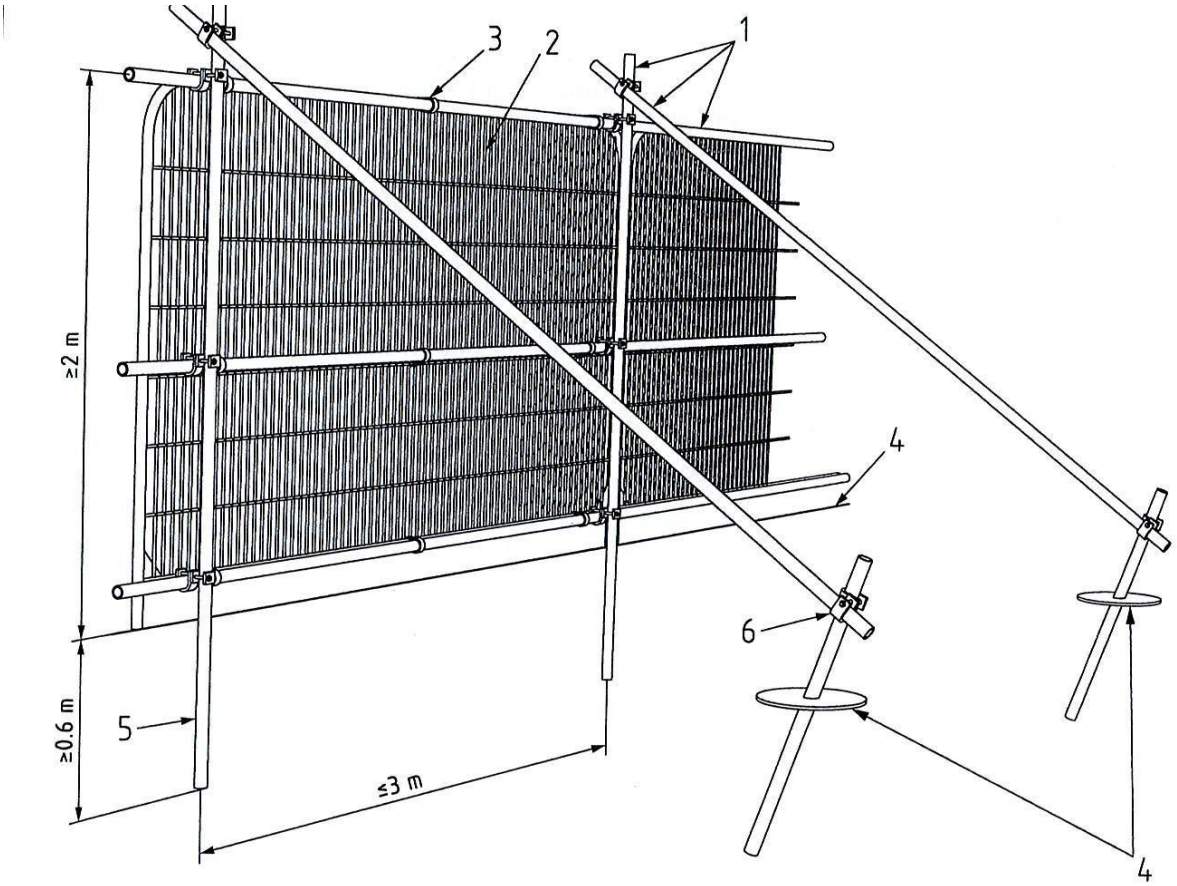
All works will comply with BS 3998:2010. Prior notification of works will be provided to Tree Officer opportunity to inspect.

Tree protection fencing is to be re-erected once felling work is complete.

6. Phase Four – Tree Protection Fencing

Tree protective fencing will be erected prior to the commencement of any construction works. The detail of this fence is to comply with BS 5837:2005 as indicated on drawing JGD (17515)100

Protective fencing will remain in place during the duration of the works and no storage of materials in these areas will be permitted.



1 Standard scaffold poles
2 Heavy gauge 2 m tall galvanized tube and welded mesh infill panels
3 Panels secured to uprights and cross-members with wire ties
4 Ground level
5 Uprights driven into the ground until secure (minimum depth 0.6 m)
6 Standard scaffold clamps

Material which will contaminate the soil shall not be discharged within 10m of the tree stem. Fires shall not be lit where flames could reach 10m of the edge of the retained trees crown. Notice boards, cables or other services should not be attached to any tree on the site.
All-weather notices, A4 size, shall be attached to the tree protection fencing at 1.5m high with the words:

7. Felled tree stump removal
All works are to be undertaken by a competent and skilled arboricultural operative.
Operations to remove the felled tree stump should follow good working practice: British standard BS 3998:2010 Tree Work Recommendations, Health and Safety Executive (HSE) guidance notes and Arboriculture and Forestry Advisory Group (AFAG) information on mobile stump grinders. The stump is to be removed after felling by grinding with a mobile grinder.
All staff must be trained in its use and hold relevant qualifications. A secure safe working area is to be established with warning and prohibition signs. Adequate safety barriers should also be in place to reduce the risk of injury to bystanders from ejected particles.
The work area is to be fully scanned to locate any services present and to assess any risk relating to them.
Grinding of the stump within the Root protection area (RPA) of the existing trees is to be restricted to 200mm to limit ground disturbance.