

## ARBORICULTURAL REPORT (BS 5837:2012)

**FOR** 

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

**LAND AT** 

ROUGHBIRCHWORTH LANE
OXSPRING
SHEFFIELD
S36 8YZ

September 2022 Job Number 5098

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### Disclaimer

The tree(s) referred to in this report are living entities and are therefore subject to natural processes. They will also be subject to changes to their environment caused by human's activities and to exceptional weather conditions. The inspection undertaken by our qualified staff relies on visual attributes of tree health and structure which can be assessed from a ground based inspection. Hidden defects which are not readily visible may not be detected. We therefore cannot wholly guarantee the condition and safety of the trees inspected beyond what can be reasonably assessed from the procedure used. We would recommend that the trees are regularly inspected and our staff will advise on the suitable frequency of these inspections.

### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Professional Details

- 1.1.1 My name is Peter Murray and I have been working and studying in the Arboricultural Industry since 1989. I have many years practical and consulting experience as a Local Authority arboriculturalist and more recently as a private sector practitioner.
- 1.1.2 I so far hold the Higher National Diploma in Arboriculture and am a professional member of the Arboricultural Association. I keep up to date with the latest research and best practice by attending relevant courses and seminars.

### 1.2 Tree Survey

- 1.2.1 We were recently instructed by 'Sourced Capital' to carry out a site visit on Land at Roughbirchworth Lane, Oxspring, Sheffield, S36 8YZ and survey all significant trees that may be affected by development proposals in accordance with *BS 5837:2012 trees in relation to design, demolition and construction Recommendations.*
- 1.2.2 The survey on which the findings of this report are based was undertaken on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 and the weather was dry.
- 1.2.3 This report should be read in conjunction with the attached Arboricultural Data and Site Plans of Appendix B and F.
- 1.2.4 The trees were inspected from ground level only and all comments and recommendations made have taken into account their location, surroundings and likely impact on persons or property.
- 1.2.5 The limitations of this report are restricted to the persons, time, information made available and purpose for which this report has been prepared. This report does not deal with any existing tree root/building conflicts and no information has been provided regarding soil type and no analysis undertaken by this company.

### 2.0 FINDINGS

### 2.1 The Site & Proposal

- 2.1.1 The site in question is an old, dilapidated farmhouse with associated outbuildings and land within a sub-urban location.
- 2.1.2 The proposal is for the demolition of all existing buildings and the construction of several residential dwellings.

### 2.2 The Soils and Foundations

- 2.2.1 The soil of the site is described at <a href="http://www.landis.org.uk/soilscapes">http://www.landis.org.uk/soilscapes</a> as being 'Slowly permeable seasonally wet acid loamy and clayey soils' and having impeded drainage.
- 2.2.2 The following is taken from the NHBC Standards Chapter 4.2 Building near trees: The combination of shrinkable soils and trees, hedgerows or shrubs represents a hazard to structures that requires special consideration. Trees, hedgerows and shrubs take moisture from the ground and, in cohesive soils such as clay, this can cause significant volume changes resulting in ground movement. This has the potential to affect foundations and damage the supported structure. In order to minimise this risk, foundations should be designed to accommodate the movement or be taken to a depth where the likelihood of damaging movement is low.

### 2.3 The Trees

- 2.3.1 A total of thirty-three individual trees, six groups and one hedge were surveyed and plotted in order to assess their health and dimensions in accordance with the British Standard and the results are clearly detailed within the Appendices of this report.
- 2.3.2 In general the trees within the site were found to be in reasonable condition for their age and species. Any works identified within the data tables should take place regardless of development in line with best practice. The quality rating for the trees on or affecting this site can be summarised as follows:

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U – 9 trees/groups (G1, G2, G4, T13, T14, T15, T22, G5 & T33)
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A – 0 trees/groups

B – 25 trees/groups (T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, T6, T7, T8, T9, T10, T11, G3, T16, T17, T20, T21, T23, G6, T24, T25, T26, T27, T28, T31 & T32)

C – 6 trees/groups (H1, T12, T18, T19, T29 & T30)

### 2.4 Standard of Work

2.4.1 Any tree work undertaken should be done in accordance with British Standard 3998:2010 and by competent contractors insured with public liability cover of at least two million pounds.

### 2.5 Statutory Controls

2.5.1 If the trees on site are subject to any Tree Preservation Orders (TPO's) or are encompassed within a Conservation Area then statutory permission from the Local Planning Authority (LPA) will be required before any tree works take place. A recent check on the local authorities interactive mapping service revealed that none of the trees are currently protected by a TPO and the site is not within a Conservation Area.

### 2.6 Wildlife

2.6.1 All operations should take account of wildlife needs and be planned to take advantage of weather conditions and time of year for minimum damage and disturbance. If any protected species or nesting birds are present or discovered while the works are taking place all work should cease until contact has been made with Natural England for further advice. Natural England can be contacted on 0300 060 3900 or by e-mail to: enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk. Specific consideration should be given to the possible presence of roosting bats, which are protected by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (schedule 5) and included in schedule 2 of the Conservation Regulations 1994. Ideally, a survey should be carried out to identify any potential roost sites and if bats are found to be present advice should be sought form a person qualified and experienced in handling such matters and fully conversant with the implications of the Act.

### 3.0 DISCUSSION

- 3.1 The majority of the root system, of a tree, is in the surface 600mm of the soil, extending radically for distances frequently in excess of the trees height. Beyond the main structural roots (close to the base of the trunk), the root system rapidly sub-divides into smaller diameter roots: off this main system, a mass of fine roots develops.
- 3.2 The shape of the main structural roots develops in response to the need for the tree to have physical stability. Beyond these major roots, root growth and development is influenced by the availability of water and nutrients. Unless conditions are uniform around the tree, which would be unusual, the extent of the root system will be very irregular and difficult to predict. It will not generally show the symmetry seen in the branch system.
- 3.3 The parts of the root system, which are active in water and nutrient uptake, are very fine, typically less than 0.5mm diameter. They are short lived, developing in response to the needs of the tree, with the majority dying each winter. It is *essential* that conditions in the soil remain conducive to the healthy growth of these fine roots so that the water and nutrients necessary for healthy tree growth can be absorbed.
- 3.4 All parts of the root system, but especially the fine roots, are vulnerable to damage. Once they are damaged, water and nutrient uptake will be restricted until new roots have regenerated. Vigorous young trees will be capable of rapid regeneration, but over mature trees will respond slowly, *if at all*.

- 3.5 In order to live and grow, roots need oxygen from the soil. Respiration by the roots and other soil organisms depletes this oxygen and increases carbon dioxide levels in the soil; a correct balance of these gases is normally maintained by diffusion between the soil and the atmosphere. Anything, which disturbs this balance, will affect the condition of the root system.
- 3.6 The factors that most commonly affect this diffusion adversely, and therefore damage roots, are the following:
  - a) Compaction of the ground, which reduces the space between soil particles. This is particularly important on clay soils. A single passage by heavy equipment on clay soils or storage of heavy materials can cause significant damage.
  - b) Changing soil levels, even for a few weeks.
  - c) Covering the root area with impervious surfaces.
  - d) A rise in the level of the water table. Roots can tolerate submersion for short periods. But a permanent rise will deplete the soil of oxygen.
- 3.7 Serious damage is often caused during preliminary site works by stripping the topsoil. For this reason, such works should be avoided until protective fencing has been erected.
- 3.8 Excavations in the rooting area can sever roots. As the majority of roots are in the surface 600mm, even shallow excavations can cause damage.
- 3.9 Excavations for foundations, landscaping or service trenches are usually sufficiently deep to sever most of the roots, and it should therefore be assumed that all parts of the root system beyond the excavation would no longer serve the tree.
- 3.10 Excavation or soil stripping which sever or damage the roots may impair the stability of the tree and make it dangerous.

### 4.0 ARBORICULTURAL IMPLICATIONS ASSESSMENT

- 4.1 The purpose of this section is to assess the implications the proposed development will have on the tree identified in the Tree Survey of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 carried out by DEP (see Appendix B & F) and advise on arboricultural measures, which would be likely to mitigate any damage resulting from the proposals.
- 4.2 The Site Layout Plan within Appendix F identifies the trees in relation to the proposed development.
- 4.2 In order to fully assess the impact of the development an Implications Table has been created, which gives details of the proximity of the associated works to the trees.

- 4.3 The below Implications Table details the Root Protection Area (RPA) in accordance with the British Standard 5837:2012 *Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction Recommendations*. This is an area that should be left undisturbed in order to provide adequate rooting area for retained trees. This is also illustrated on the Site Plan of Appendix F.
- 4.4 This information can then be used in accordance with BS 5837:2012 to determine whether the development will have a detrimental impact on the health of the trees. Once this has been determined remedial measures can be detailed to reduce the impact the proposals will have.

### 4.5 Implications Table: -

Tree No.	Species	Root Protection Area (m²)	Circle Radius (m)	Distance to any proposed construction or surfacing (m)	Can the Tree be Successfully Retained		
T1	Sycamore	152.18	6.96	16.0	Yes		
T2	Sycamore	162.86	7.20	17.0	Yes		
T3	Sycamore	173.90	7.44	18.0	Yes		
T4	Sycamore	122.33	6.24	17.0	Yes		
T5	Horse Chestnut	168.33	7.32	16.0	Yes		
T6	Sycamore	141.87	6.72	10.0	Yes		
T7	Sycamore	197.06	7.92	9.0	Yes		
T8	Sycamore	162.86	7.20	9.5	Yes		
Т9	Sycamore	104.23	5.76	10.5	Yes		
T10	Sycamore	104.23	5.76	11.5	Yes		
T11	Sycamore	162.86	7.20	15.5	Yes		
G1	Sycamore	72.38	4.80	Remove for	condition		
G2	Ash/Willow/Elder	72.38	4.80	Remove for	condition		
G3	Silver Birch	40.72	3.60	6.5+	Yes		
H1	Hawthorn	4.52	1.20	n/a	Yes		
T12	Goat Willow	113.10	6.00	Remove for d	evelopment		
G4	Sycamore & Ash	18.10	2.40	Remove for	condition		
T13	Crack Willow	113.10	6.00	Remove for	condition		
T14	Elderberry	40.72	3.60	Remove for	condition		
T15	Elm	0.00	0.00	Remove for	condition		
T16	Sycamore	261.30	9.12	Remove for d	evelopment		
T17	Sycamore	152.18	6.96	Remove for d	evelopment		
T18	Sycamore	113.10	6.00	Remove for d	evelopment		
T19	Sycamore	79.80	5.04	Remove for d	evelopment		
T20	Sycamore	326.85	10.20	Remove for development			
T21	Copper Beech	221.67	8.40	Remove for d	evelopment		
T22	Weeping Ash	141.87	6.72	Remove for	condition		

Tree No.	Species	Root Protection Area (m²)	Circle Radius (m)	Distance to any proposed construction or surfacing (m)	Can the Tree be Successfully Retained
T23	Cherry	162.86	7.20	4.0	Yes see 5.0
G5	Hawthorn & Ash	113.10	6.00	Remove for	condition
G6	Mixed	40.72	3.60	Remove for d	evelopment
T24	Sycamore	289.53	9.60	Remove for d	evelopment
T25	Horse Chestnut	99.93	5.64	Remove for d	evelopment
T26	Beech	416.92	11.52	Remove for d	evelopment
T27	Sycamore	197.06	7.92	Remove for d	evelopment
T28	Beech	168.33	7.32	Remove for d	evelopment
T29	Sycamore	35.47	3.36	Remove for d	evelopment
T30	Sycamore	95.73	5.52	Remove for d	evelopment
T31	Sycamore	152.18	6.96	Remove for d	evelopment
T32	Sycamore	131.92	6.48	Remove for d	evelopment
T33	Sycamore	113.10	6.00	Remove for	condition

4.6 To assess the implications of the proposed development each tree can be categorised in the following way: -

	Trees to be Re	tained	Trees to be removed					
	With No Impact	Impact within shown RPA	Due to Condition	Due to Development				
Tree	T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, T6,	T23	G1, G2, G4, T13,	T12, T16, T17, T18, T19				
No.	T7, T8, T9, T10, T11,		T14, T15, T22,	T20, T21, G6, T24, T25,				
	G3 & H1		G5 & T33	T26, T27, T28, T29, T30,				
				T31 & T32				

### 5.0 MITIGATING PROPOSALS

### 5.1 Tree Losses and Replacement Planting

- 5.1.1 The loss of any tree is always regrettable, although in this instance tree losses are inevitable due to the nature of the proposed residential development and making good use of the land.
- 5.1.2 It is considered that these losses can be compensated for within a full landscape scheme for the site, which should include extensive tree planting.

### 5.2 Development

- 5.2.1 As shown above, the Implications Table identifies that T23 (Cherry) is shown to have development within its shown Root Protection Area (RPA) due to the construction of a new building.
- 5.2.2 However, this tree is located to the rear of a large boundary wall, which will act as a root barrier to significant roots, although minor fibrous roots may well have found their way beyond the wall. Therefore, it is considered that any root damage caused by development would be minimal. No access was gained to this tree, so all dimensions are estimated. The crown will need reducing back in order to facilitate development as is the right of the landowner.
- 5.2.3 A clear tree works specification and details of all tree protective measures can be found in the following Arboricultural Method Statement (Section 6.0).

### 6.0 METHOD STATEMENT

Before any form of development commences on the site the following works should be undertaken: -

### 6.1 Tree Works

Tree No.	Proposed Works						
G1, G2, G4, T13, T14,	Fell to ground level for condition and remove stumps.						
T15, T22, G5 & T33	Ten to ground level for condition and remove stamps.						
T12, T16, T17, T18, T19,							
T20, T21, G6, T24, T25,	Fall to ground level for development and remove stumps						
T26, T27, T28, T29, T30,	Fell to ground level for development and remove stumps.						
T31 & T32							
T1	Clear basal shoots.						
T4	Remove significant deadwood.						
T7, T8, T9 & T10	Sever Ivy at base to 1m and remove basal shoots.						
T11	Sever Ivy at base to 1m.						
T23	Prune back overhanging branches by approximately 3m.						

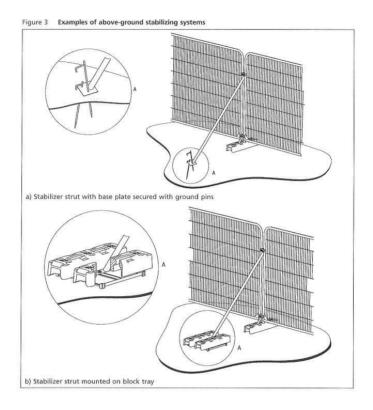
Recommended works should be carried out to the *British Standard Recommendations for Tree Work,* BS 3998:2010

### 6.2 Tree Protective Fencing

- 6.2.1 All fencing used on the site should fully comply with *BS 5837:2012 Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction Recommendations*.
- 6.2.2 The fencing should be strong and suitable for local conditions. It should also take into account the degree of construction activity on the site.

6.2.3 In this circumstance the location for the protective fencing should be as shown on the Tree Protection Plan of Appendix F and of the following specification:

Heras type temporary fencing with the bases pinned to the ground securely and stanchions placed at regular intervals in order to maintain stability.



- 6.2.4 No storage of materials or any construction operations should occur within the fenced area. Additionally, when designing the site layout, account should be taken of the route/installation method of underground services/drains and, the route/construction method of new access roads/driveways in relation to the retained trees. It would be advisable to mark out the optimum position of the protective fencing on the ground prior to finalisation of any design proposal.
- 6.2.5 Notices should also be erected on the fencing stating, 'Protected Area No operations within fenced area'. An example can be found in Appendix E, which should be laminated and attached to the fencing at regular intervals.
- 6.2.6 The positioning of the protective fencing is also very important and should be erected in the proposed location identified on the site plan of Appendix F. Once the fence has been erected it should never be crossed and particular care should be taken not to store any materials or soil within the protected area.

### 6.3 Additional Precautions Outside Fenced Areas

- 6.3.1 Oil, bitumen, cement or other material likely to cause damage to the tree will not be stacked or discharged within 10m of the trees stem or within the protective area. Also, materials in general will not be stacked or discharged within the exclusion zone.
- 6.3.2 Concrete mixing and washing will not be carried out within 10m of any retained trees.
- 6.3.3 Fires will not be lit beneath the foliage or in a position where the flames could extend to within 5m of the foliage, branches or trunk. If the fire is large, then this may necessitate a distance of at least 20m.
- 6.3.4 Trees that are to be retained will not be used as anchorage for equipment.
- 6.3.5 Notice boards, telephone cables, or other services will not be attached to any part of the retained tree.
- 6.3.6 Care should be taken when using cranes or other equipment near the canopy of the retained trees. Also, any trees to be felled in proximity to the retained trees should be done so with particular care.

### 6.4 Site Buildings

- 6.4.1 Site cabins, compounds and welfare should all be placed outside of the protection areas of retained trees.
- 6.4.2 Where this is not possible further advice should be sought from the appointed arborist and in some circumstances, it may be possible to construct temporary ground protection and adjust fencing, but this is only to be considered as a last resort.
- 6.4.3 On larger sites of more intensive development where this is little open spaces for site buildings then alternative arrangements off site should be considered or part of the site should remain undeveloped until the final stages when less site storage is needed

### 6.5 Services

- 6.5.1 Where possible all service trenches should be dug outside of the Root Protection Area.
- 6.5.2 Should this not be possible then the guidelines within 'NJUG 10' Guidelines for the Planning, Installation and Maintenance of Utility Services in Proximity to Trees should be adopted, in particular Section 4.0, which is included within Appendix D of this report.

### 6.6 Summary of Methodology for the Protection Trees

- 1. Remedial tree works carried out in accordance with this report and by a competent and fully insured arboricultural contractor and in accordance with BS 3998:2010.
- 2. Erection of Tree Protective Fencing in accordance with this Method Statement and plan of Appendix F and to be checked by the appointed arboriculturalist before commencement of works.
- 3. The construction of the new development.
- 4. The removal of Protective Fencing is only to be done with the agreement of a competent arborist or the LPA.
- 5. New landscaping scheme including tree planting.

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### APPENDIX A - Glossary of Terms & Table 1 of BS 5837:2012

The following terms are concurrent with best Arboricultural practice and within the guidelines set by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), the Arboricultural Association (AA) and the British Standards Institute (BSI).

**Dbh:** Diameter at Breast Height is measured at 1.5m and recorded in millimetres. Where a tree becomes multi-stemmed below 1.5m the diameter of each stem is measured at 1.5m and added together. Where a tree has low branching or has swelling the stem is measured at the narrowest point below.

Height: Height was estimated and recorded in metres.

Age Range: Age is site specific and categorised:

Young (Y) Out-planted trees that have not yet established.

Semi-Mature (SM) Established trees up to 1/3 of expected height and crown.

Early Mature (EM) Between 1/3 and 2/3 of expected height and crown.

Mature (M) Between 2/3 and full expected height and crown.

Fully Mature (FM) Full expected height and crown.

Over Mature (OM) Crown beginning to break-up and decrease in size.

Senescent (S) Crown in advanced stage of break-up.

Crown Spread: Measured in metres at four cardinal points (N, E, S & W).

**Crown Clearance:** Measured in metres from the ground to the first branch tip on development side only.

**Condition** - Assessment of current physiological condition and structural morphology incorporating vigour and vitality and categorised:

- A Tree needing little, if any attention
- B Tree with minor, but rectifiable defects, or in the early stages of physiological stress
- C Tree with significant structural and physiological flaws and/or extremely stressed
- D Tree that is dead, biologically/physically moribund or dangerous

**Desirability To Retain** – As Outlined in Table 1 of BS 5837:2012 Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations (see below).

### <u>Definition of Physiological & Morphological Terms</u>

**Adaptive Growth** - The process whereby wood formation is influenced both in quantity and in quality by the action of gravitational force and mechanical stresses on the cambial zone.

**Bifurcation** – Forked or divided union.

**Brown Rot** - Form of decay where cellulose is degraded, while lignin is only modified.

**Cankers** (target or tumerous) - A localised area of dead bark and cambium on a stem or branch, caused by fungal or bacterial organisms, characterised by woundwood development on the periphery. This may be annual or perennial.

**Cavity** - An open wound, characterised by the presence of extensive decay and resulting in a hollow.

Chlorotic Leaf - Lacking in chlorophyll, typically yellow in colour.

**Compartmentalisation** - The physiological process that creates the chemical and mechanical boundaries that act to limit the spread of disease and decay organisms.

**Coppicing** - Is an ancient form of woodland management that involves repetitive felling on the same stump, near to ground level, and allowing the shoots to re-grow from that main stump. (Also known as the coppice stool).

**Crack** - Longitudinal spilt in stem or branch, involving bark and/or underlying wood. These may be vertically and horizontally orientated.

**Decay** - Process of degradation of woody tissues by fungi and bacteria through decomposition of cellulose and lignin.

**Deadwood** - Deadwood is often present within the crown or on the stems of trees. In some instances is may be an indication of ill health, however, it may also indicate natural growth processes. If a target is present beneath the tree, deadwood may fall and cause injury or damage and should be removed, otherwise deadwood can remain intact for conservation purposes (insects, fungi, birds etc.).

**End Weight** - The concentration of foliage at the distal ends of stems and deficient in secondary branches.

**Girdling Root** - Root which circles and constricts the stem or roots causing death of phloem and/or cambial tissue.

**Hazard Beam** - An upwardly curved branch in which strong internal stresses may occur without the compensatory formation of extra wood (longitudinal splitting may occur in some cases).

**Included Bark Union** - Pattern of development at branch junctions where bark is turned inward rather than pushed out. Potential weakness due to a lack of a woody union.

**Ivy Growth** - Ivy growth may ascend into the tree's crown, increasing wind resistance, concealing potential defects and reducing the tree's photosynthetic capacity. Ivy growth is often acceptable in woodland areas as a conservation benefit.

**Live Crown Ratio** - The relative proportion of photosynthetic mass (leaf area) to overall tree height.

**Reaction Wood** - Specialised secondary xylem, which develops in response to a lean or similar mechanical stress, attempting to restore the stem to the vertical.

**Root Plate Lift** - The physical movement of the rooting plate causing soils to shift and crack. May occur during adverse weather conditions. Trees may become unstable.

**Structural Defect** - Internal or external points of weakness, which reduce the stability of the tree.

**Suppressed** - Trees which are dominated by surrounding vegetation and whose crown development is restricted from above.

**Topping** - A highly disfiguring practise, likely to cause severe xylem dysfunction and decay in major structural parts of the wood.

**White Rot** - Form of decay where both cellulose and lignin are degraded.

**Wound** - Any injury, which induces a compartmentalisation response.

**Woundwood** - Wood with atypical anatomical features, formed in the vicinity of a wound and a term to describe the occluding tissues around a wound as opposed to the ambiguous term "callus."

**Woodland Structure** - The vertical and horizontal arrangement of trees within a group or woodland i.e. Dominant - trees with a crown above the upper layer of the canopy, Codominant trees that define the general upper edge of the canopy, Intermediate trees that have been largely overgrown by others, Suppressed trees that have been overgrown and occupy an under storey position and grow slowly, often severely asymmetrical.

*Note:* The definitions described above, may not necessarily be included within the Arboricultural Survey Data.

Table 1 – Cascade chart for tree quality assessment

Category and definition	Criteria (including subcategories where ap	propriate)									
Trees unsuitable for retention (see note)											
Category U  Those in such a condition that they cannot realistically be retained as living trees in the context of the current land use for longer than 10 years	<ul> <li>will become unviable after removate be mitigated by pruning)</li> <li>Trees that are dead or are showing</li> <li>Trees infected with pathogens of squality trees suppressing adjacent</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>will become unviable after removal of other U category trees (i.e. where, for whatever reason, the loss of companion shelter can be mitigated by pruning)</li> <li>Trees that are dead or are showing signs of significant, immediate, and irreversible overall decline</li> </ul>									
	1 Mainly arboriculture qualities	2 Mainly landscape qualities	3 Mainly cultural values, including conservation								
Trees to be considered for retention											
Category A Trees of high quality with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 40 years	Trees that are particularly good examples of their species, especially if rare or unusual, or those that are essential components of groups or formal or semiformal arboriculture features (e.g. the dominant and/or principal trees within an avenue)	Trees, groups or woodlands of particular visual importance as arboricultural and/or landscape features	Trees, groups or woodlands of significant conservation, historical, commemorative or other value (e.g. veteran trees or wood pasture)								
Category B Trees of moderate quality with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 20 years	Trees that might be included in category A, but are downgraded because of impaired condition (e.g. presence of significant though remediable defects, including unsympathetic past management and minor storm damage), such that they are unlikely to be suitable for retention for beyond 40 years; or trees lacking the special quality necessary to merit the category A designation	Trees present in numbers, usually as groups or woodlands, such that they attract a higher collective rating than they might as individuals; or trees occurring as collectives but situated so as to make little visual contribution to the wider locality	Trees with material conservation or other cultural value								
Category C Trees of low quality with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 10 years, or young trees with a stem diameter below 150 mm	Unremarkable trees of very limited merit or such impaired condition that they do not qualify in higher categories	Trees present in groups or woodlands, but without this conferring on them significantly greater collective landscape value; and/or trees offering low or only temporary/transient landscape benefits	Tree with no material conservation or other cultural value								

### **APPENDIX B – Arboricultural Data**

Arboricultural Data Sheet: Land at Roughbirchworth Lane, Oxspring, Sheffield, S36 8YZ Date of Survey: 01/09/22 Weather: Dry Surveyor: PM

Crown C = Crown Clearance; Cond R = Condition Rating; ERC (Yrs) = Estimated Remaining Contribution; TQRA = Tree Quality Category Rating; RPA (m²) = Root Protection Area (m²)

Recommended works should be carried out to the British Standard Recommendations for Tree Work, BS 3998:2010

Tree	Species (mm) E	Height (m)		C	rown	Sprea	ad	Crown Crown			Preliminary	ERC	TQC	RPA	RPA Circle	
No.	Species	(mm)	Heig	Age	N	E	S	w	Cro	Cond		Recommendations	(Yrs)	R	(m²)	Radius (m)
T1	Sycamore	580	16	М	0	8	7	2	7	В	Located within linear group on edge of steep bank that drops down toward footpath. Major crown asymmetry. Minor deadwood present. Stem wounds from previous pruning.	Clear basal shoots.	20+	B2	152.1 8	6.96
T2	Sycamore	600	17	М	4	9	4	0	n/a	В	Located within linear group on edge of steep bank that drops down toward footpath. Major crown asymmetry. Minor deadwood present. Stem wounds from previous pruning.	n/a	20+	B2	162.8 6	7.20
Т3	Sycamore	620	18	М	5	9	4	4	n/a	В	Located within linear group on edge of steep bank that drops down toward footpath. Major crown asymmetry. Minor deadwood present. Stem wounds from previous pruning.	n/a	20+	B2	173.9 0	7.44
T4	Sycamore	520	16	М	5	9	3	0	2.5	В	Located within linear group on edge of steep bank that drops down toward footpath. A slender specimen suppressed within the group. Large pieces of deadwood over access track.	Remove significant deadwood.	20+	B2	122.3	6.24
T5	Horse Chestnut	610	18	М	5	9	5	5	2.5	В	Located within linear group on edge of steep bank that drops down toward footpath. Minor crown asymmetry. Wounds from previous pruning. Bleeding canker present on stem with some bark killing but crown appears healthy.	n/a	20+	B2	168.3 3	7.32
Т6	Sycamore	560	18	М	4	8	6	6	8	В	Located within linear group on edge of steep bank that drops down toward footpath. Minor crown asymmetry. Minor deadwood present. High crown. Stem wounds from previous pruning.	n/a	20+	B2	141.8 7	6.72
Т7	Sycamore	660	18	М	6	9	6	7	8	В	Located within linear group on edge of steep bank that drops down toward footpath. Minor crown asymmetry. Ivy clad stem creeping into crown. Profuse basal shoots.	Sever Ivy at base to 1m and remove basal shoots.	20+	B2	197.0 6	7.92

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Tree		Dbh	ght )		Crown Spre		Sprea	ad	r .	Cond	Observations and Comments	Preliminary	ERC	TQC	RPA	RPA Circle
No.	Species	(mm)	Height (m)	Age	N	E	s	w	Crown	S a	Cobservations and Comments	Recommendations	(Yrs)	R	(m²)	Radius (m)
Т8	Sycamore	600	18	М	0	8	6	4	8	В	Located within linear group on edge of steep bank that drops down toward footpath. Major crown asymmetry. Ivy clad stem creeping into crown. Profuse basal shoots.	Sever Ivy at base to 1m and remove basal shoots.	20+	B2	162.8 6	7.20
Т9	Sycamore	480	16	М	7	7	0	4	8	В	Located within linear group on edge of steep bank that drops down toward footpath. Major crown asymmetry. Slender specimen within group. Ivy clad stem creeping into crown.	Sever Ivy at base to 1m and remove basal shoots.	20+	B2	104.2 3	5.76
T10	Sycamore	480	16	М	5	7	0	2	8	В	Located within linear group on edge of steep bank that drops down toward footpath. Major crown asymmetry. Suppressed specimen within group. Ivy clad stem creeping into crown.	Sever Ivy at base to 1m and remove basal shoots.	20+	B2	104.2	5.76
T11	Sycamore	600	16	М	7	8	5	6	8	В	Located within linear group on edge of steep bank that drops down toward footpath. Reasonable crown symmetry. Located at end of group. Ivy clad stem creeping into crown.	Sever Ivy at base to 1m.	20+	B2	162.8 6	7.20
G1	Group - Sycamore	400	<8	SM	5	5	5	5	1	С	A poor scrub group, re-growth from old coppiced stumps. Multiple stems and attachments. Building waste around bases.	n/a	5-10	U	72.38	4.80
G2	Group - Ash, Goat Willow & Elderberry	400	<6	SM	3	3	3	3	1.5	С	A poor scrub group located adjacent to old brick built kennels. Previously coppiced. Multiple stems and attachments.	n/a	5-10	U	72.38	4.80
G3	Group - Silver Birch	300	<12	SM- EM	3	3	3	3	1	В	Located within the adjacent property. Overhangs site by approx. 2m. No access to stems or bases but is a dense group of predominantly Silver Birch.	n/a	20+	B2	40.72	3.60
H1	Hedge - Hawthorn	100	1.8	М	1	1	1	1	0	В	A field boundary hedge. Previous regular pruning.	n/a	10+	C2	4.52	1.20
T12	Goat Willow	500	10	FM	7	7	7	7	1	В	A large scrub tree forked at 1.2m with multiple stems. Good overall form and vigour. Typical poor forks and minor decay. Poor location. Self-sown.	n/a	10+	C1	113.1 0	6.00
G4	Group - Sycamore & Ash	200	<9	SM	3	3	3	3	1	С	Self-sown between buildings, no access to stems. Ash in decline due to Dieback.	n/a	5-10	U	18.10	2.40

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Tree	Species (mm) Height (mm) (3)		Crown Sprea			ad	Crown C Cond R	© Comments Comments	Preliminary	ERC	TQC	RPA	RPA Circle			
No.	Species	(mm)	Hei (n	Age	N	E	S	w	Cro ,	S "	- Observations and Comments	Recommendations	(Yrs)	R	(m²)	Radius (m)
T13	Crack Willow	500	12	EM	6	6	6	6	1	С	Located on bank area adjacent building. Smashed up crown with several broken and creaking branches. Poor specimen.	n/a	5-10	U	113.1 0	6.00
T14	Elderberry	300	5	FM	5	3	2	3	0	В/С	An old shrub growing form base of building. Reaching point of collapse.	n/a	5-10	U	40.72	3.60
T15	Elm	0	7	EM	-	-	-	-	-	D	A dead tree adjacent old building.	n/a	n/a	U	0.00	0.00
T16	Sycamore	760	18	М	8	7	7	8	3	В	A large co-dominant specimen on the edge of the group adjacent to an old broken-down wall. Stem swamped in Ivy. Reasonable form and vigour. Recent works at base, soil moving and building waste piled up. Possible root damage.	Sever Ivy at base to 1m.	20+	B2	261.3 0	9.12
T17	Sycamore	580	16	М	7	5	4	4	3	В	A suppressed specimen on the edge of the group. Stem swamped in Ivy. Poor form, stem and basal shoots present. Recent works at base, soil moving and building waste piled up. Possible root damage.	Sever Ivy at base to 1m and remove basal shoots.	20+	B2	152.1 8	6.96
T18	Sycamore	500	16	М	5	2	4	5	3	B/C	A suppressed specimen within the group. Small crown. Ivy clad stem. Recent works at base, soil moving and building waste piled up. Evidence of root damage.	Sever Ivy at base to 1m.	10+	C2	113.1 0	6.00
T19	Sycamore	420	10	EM	2	2	3	5	6	B/C	A suppressed specimen on the edge of the group. Stem swamped in Ivy. Poor form, Recent works at base, soil moving and building waste piled up. Possible root damage.	Sever Ivy at base to 1m.	10+	C2	79.80	5.04
T20	Sycamore	850	17	М	4	5	8	7	5	В	A large co-dominant specimen on the edge of the group with minor crown asymmetry. Stem swamped in Ivy. Recent works at base, soil moving and building waste piled up. Possible root damage.	Sever Ivy at base to 1m.	20+	B2	326.8 5	10.20

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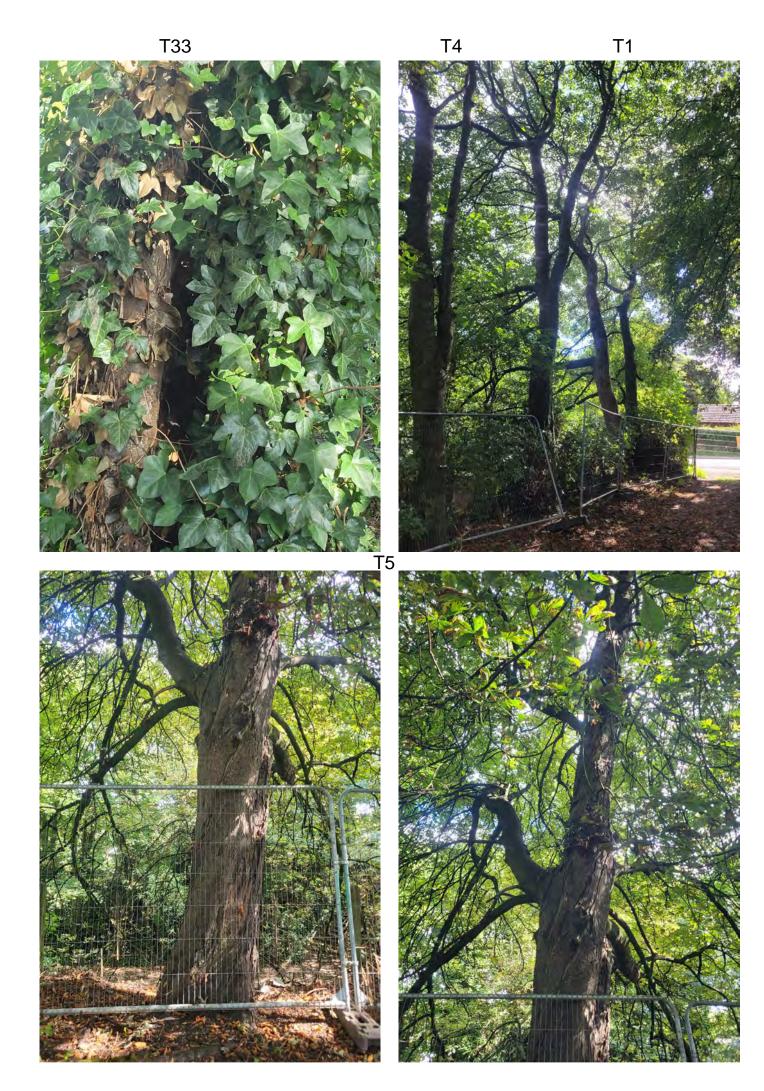
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Tree	Constan	Dbh (mm) $\stackrel{\dot{E}}{\stackrel{\circ}{=}} \stackrel{\dot{E}}{\stackrel{\circ}{=}} Age$ Crown Spread $\stackrel{\circ}{=} \stackrel{\circ}{=} \stackrel{\circ}{=}$			Preliminary	ERC	TQC	RPA	RPA Circle							
No.	Species	(mm)	Heig (T	Age	N	E	S	w	Cro	Ź Ś ʻ	Observations and Comments	Recommendations	(Yrs)	R	(m²)	Radius (m)
T21	Copper Beech	700	15	М	4	9	11	9	2	В	A large co-dominant specimen on the edge of the group with major crown asymmetry. Stem swamped in Ivy. Major southern limb with some damage on the underside from previous passing vehicles. Hazard beam formed further out, heavily weighted limb. Recent works at base, soil moving and building waste piled up. Possible root damage.	Sever Ivy at base to 1m.	20+	B2	221.6 7	8.40
T22	Weeping Ash	560	8	М	6	6	7	6	2.5	С	Typical form with several wounds and cavities.  Affected by Ash Dieback. Canker on lower stem.	n/a	5-10	U	141.8 7	6.72
T23	Cherry	600	11	М	6	6	6	6	3	В	Located within the adjacent property. Twin- stemmed, no access to base or stems. Good vigour, crown touching building.	n/a	20+	B2	162.8 6	7.20
G5	Group - Hawthorn & Ash	500	<10	EM- M	5	5	5	5	1	С	Poor scrub trees in decline. Ash suffering with Ash Dieback.	n/a	5-10	U	113.1 0	6.00
G6	Group - Hawthorn, Holly, Sycamore, Goat Willow, Elderberry, Cypress & Ash	300	<10	SM- EM	3	3	3	3	0	В	A mixed group most likely started off as a Hawthorn/Holly boundary hedge. Several Sycamore & Holly specimens. Goat Willow has invaded on the northern side of group forming a clump. Good screen with some management. Cypress near entrance.	n/a	20+	B2	40.72	3.60
T24	Sycamore	800	17	М	0	6	10	8	5	В	Located within linear group adjacent to the track entrance. Major crown asymmetry and minor deadwood present. Minor wounds form previous pruning.	n/a	20+	B2	289.5 3	9.60
T25	Horse Chestnut	470	10	EM	4	5	6	6	3	В	A slightly suppressed specimen within linear group adjacent to track entrance. Reasonable form and vigour.	n/a	20+	B2	99.93	5.64
T26	Beech	960	20	FM	8	7	10	11	3	B/C	A large dominant specimen within linear group. Good form but signs of decline in outer crown, could be seasonal due to hot weather. Significant pieces of deadwood in crown. Large container and various waste at base.	Remove significant deadwood and monitor.	20+	B2	416.9 2	11.52

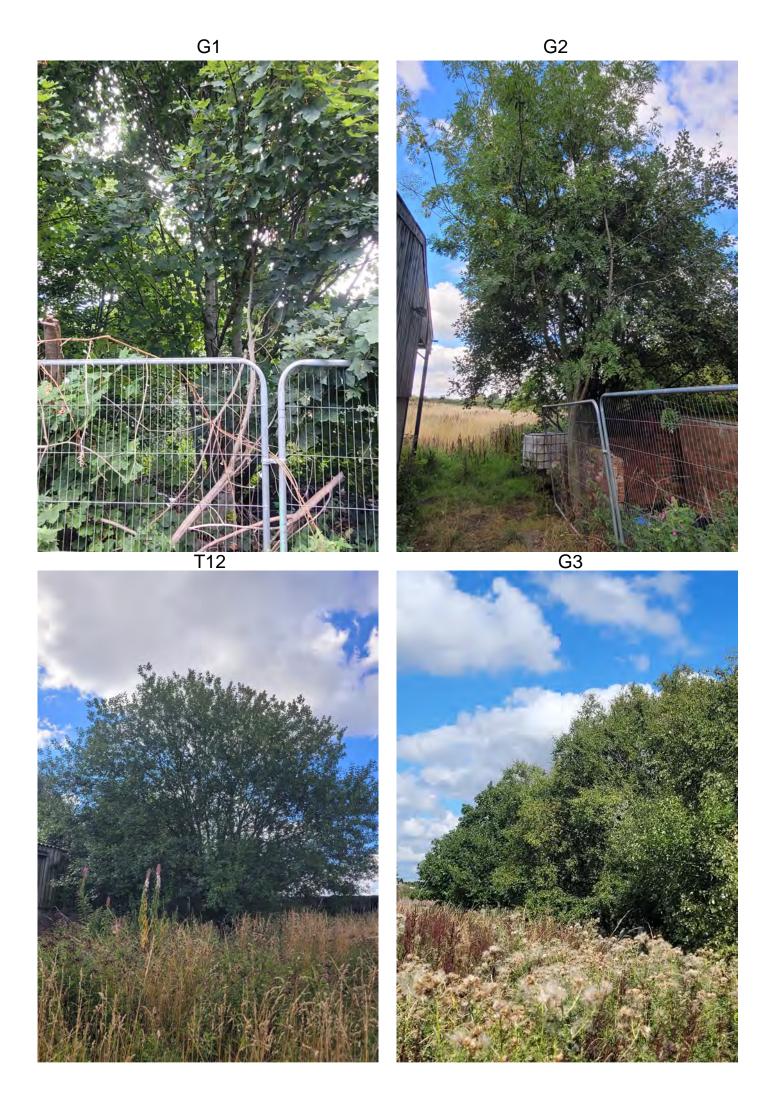
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Tree	Species (mm) E Ag		Crown Spread			Observations and Comments			Preliminary	ERC	TQC	RPA	RPA Circle			
No.	Species	(mm)	Heig (7	Age	N	E	S	w	Cro	, io		Recommendations	(Yrs)	R	(m²)	Radius (m)
T27	Sycamore	660	18	М	6	4	6	7	9	В	Located within linear group adjacent to the track entrance. High crown with minor crown asymmetry. Minor deadwood and basal shoots present. Minor wounds from previous pruning.	Remove basal shoots.	20+	B2	197.0 6	7.92
T28	Beech	610	16	М	6	6	6	8	2	В	Located within linear group adjacent to the track entrance. Major crown asymmetry. Small leaves. Wound at 2m. Minor deadwood present. Waste and debris around base.	Monitor.	20+	B2	168.3 3	7.32
T29	Sycamore	280	12	EM	3	0	2	8	2	В	A slightly suppressed specimen within group. Major crown asymmetry. Recent works at base, soil moving and building waste piled up. Possible root damage.	n/a	10+	C2	35.47	3.36
Т30	Sycamore	460	8	EM	1	2	7	3	4	В	A slightly suppressed specimen within group. Major crown asymmetry. Recent works at base, soil moving and building waste piled up. Possible root damage. Ivy clad stem and basal shoots present	Sever Ivy at base to 1m and remove basal shoots.	10+	C2	95.73	5.52
T31	Sycamore	580	17	М	5	6	7	6	5	В	A large specimen within linear group. Forked at 2.5m forming two stems. Reasonable form and vigour. Recent works at base, soil moving and building waste piled up. Possible root damage.	n/a	20+	B2	152.1 8	6.96
T32	Sycamore	540	15	М	5	5	5	6	5	В	A co-dominant specimen with an Ivy clad stem. Recent works at base, soil moving and building waste piled up. Possible root damage.	Remove significant deadwood and sever Ivy at base to 1m.	20+	B2	131.9 2	6.48
Т33	Sycamore	500	12	М	5	4	2	4	3	С	A heavily suppressed specimen. Ivy clad with several stem shoots. Major stem decay and decay in top of crown. Possible habitat tree. Risk of collapse over access track. Recent works at base, soil moving and building waste piled up. Possible root damage.	Fell to ground level.	5-10	U	113.1 0	6.00









G6 T24 to T29 T26 minor dieback T33



Ground disturbance and waste near T17 and surrounding trees





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### **APPENDIX D**

### NJUG 10 Section 4.0



Telecommunications Code (Schedule 2). Paragraph 19 of the Telecommunications Code enables operators to require the lopping of trees which overhang the street and obstruct or interfere with the working of their lines.

### 4. HOW TO AVOID DAMAGE TO TREES

This section gives general guidance on methods of work to minimise damage to trees. The local authority (or for privately owned trees, the owner or their agent), should be consulted at an early stage prior to the commencement of any works. This will reduce the potential for future conflict between trees and apparatus.

### 4.1 Below Ground

Wherever trees are present, precautions should be taken to minimise damage to their root systems. As the shape of the root system is unpredictable, there should be control and supervision of any works, particularly if this involves excavating through the surface 600mm, where the majority of roots develop.

### 4.1.1 Fine Roots

Fine roots are vulnerable to desiccation once they are exposed to the air. Larger roots have a bark layer which provides some protection against desiccation and temperature change. The greatest risk to these roots occurs when there are rapid fluctuations in air temperature around them e.g. frost and extremes of heat. It is therefore important to protect exposed roots where a trench is to be left open overnight where there is a risk of frost. In winter, before leaving the site at the end of the day, the exposed roots should be wrapped with dry sacking. This sacking must be removed before the trench is backfilled.

### 4.1.2 Precautions

The precautions referred to in this section are applicable to any excavations or other works occurring within the Prohibited or Precautionary Zones as illustrated in Figure 1 – 'Tree Protection Zone'.

### 4.1.3 Realignment

Whenever possible apparatus should always be diverted or re-aligned outside the Prohibited or Precautionary Zones. Under no circumstances can machinery be used to excavate open trenches within the Prohibited Zone.



The appropriate method of working within the Precautionary Zone should be determined in consultation with the local authority (or for privately owned trees the owner or their agent) and may depend on the following circumstances;

- the scope of the works (e.g. one-off repair or part of an extensive operation)
- degree of urgency (e.g. for restoration of supplies)
- knowledge of location of other apparatus
- soil conditions
- age, condition, quality and life expectancy of the tree

Where works are required for the laying or maintenance of any apparatus within the Prohibited or Precautionary Zones there are various techniques available to minimise damage.

Acceptable techniques in order of preference are;

### a) Trenchless

Wherever possible trenchless techniques should be used. The launch and reception pits should be located outside the Prohibited or Precautionary Zones. In order to avoid damage to roots by percussive boring techniques it is recommended that the depth of run should be below 600mm. Techniques involving external lubrication of the equipment with materials other than water (e.g. oil, bentonite, etc.) must not be used when working within the Prohibited Zone. Lubricating materials other than water may be used within the Precautionary Zone following consultation and by agreement.

### b) Broken Trench - Hand-dug

This technique combines hand dug trench sections with trenchless techniques if excavation is unavoidable. Excavation should be limited to where there is clear access around and below the roots. The trench is excavated by hand with precautions taken as for continuous trenching as in (c) below. Open sections of the trench should only be long enough to allow access for linking to the next section. The length of sections will be determined by local conditions, especially soil texture and cohesiveness, as well as the practical needs for access. In all cases the open sections should be kept as short as possible and outside of the Prohibited Zone.



### c) Continuous Trench - Hand-dug

The use of this method must be considered only as a last resort if works are to be undertaken by agreement within the Prohibited Zone. The objective being to retain as many undamaged roots as possible.

Hand digging within the Prohibited or Precautionary zones must be undertaken with great care requiring closer supervision than normal operations.

After careful removal of the hard surface material digging must proceed with hand tools. Clumps of roots less than 25mm in diameter (including fibrous roots) should be retained in situ without damage. Throughout the excavation works great care should be taken to protect the bark around the roots.

All roots greater than 25mm diameter should be preserved and worked around. These roots must not be severed without first consulting the owner of the tree or the local authority tree officer / arboriculturist. If after consultation severance is unavoidable, roots must be cut back using a sharp tool to leave the smallest wound.

### 4.1.5 Backfilling

- Any reinstatement of street works in the United Kingdom must comply with the relevant national legislation (see: Volume 6 'Legislation and Bibliography'). In England this relates to the requirements of the code of practice 'Specification for the Reinstatement of Openings in Highways' approved under the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991. Without prejudice to the requirements relating to the specification of materials and the standards of workmanship, backfilling should be carefully carried out to avoid direct damage to roots and excessive compaction of the soil around them.
- The backfill should, where possible, include the placement of an inert granular material mixed with top soil or sharp sand (not builder's sand) around the roots. This should allow the soil to be compacted for resurfacing without damage to the roots securing a local aerated zone enabling the root to survive in the longer term.
- Backfilling outside the constructed highway limits should be carried out using the excavated soil. This should not be compacted but lightly "tamped" and usually left slightly proud of the surrounding surface to allow natural settlement. Other materials should not be incorporated into the backfill.



### 4.1.6 Additional Precautions near Trees

- Movement of heavy mechanical plant (excavators etc.) must not be undertaken within the Prohibited Zone and should be avoided within the Precautionary Zone, except on existing hard surfaces, in order to prevent unnecessary compaction of the soil. This is particularly important on soils with a high proportion of clay. Spoil or material must not be stored within the Prohibited Zone and should be avoided within the Precautionary Zone.
- Where it is absolutely necessary to use mechanical plant within the Precautionary Zone care should be taken to avoid impact damage to the trunk and branches. A tree must not be used as an end-stop for paving slabs or other materials nor for security chaining of mechanical plant. If the trunk or branches of a tree are damaged in any way advice should be sought from the local authority tree officer / arboriculturist.

See TABLE 1 – 'Prevention of Damage to Trees Below Ground' below for summary details regarding causes and types of damage to trees and the implications of the damage and the necessary precautions to be taken to avoid damage.

### **APPENDIX E**

### **Site Notice For Protective Fencing**



# TREE PROTECTION AREA KEEP OUT!

TREES ENCLOSED BY THIS FENCE ARE PROTECTED BY PLANNING CONDITIONS AND ARE SUBJECTS OF A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER (TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990)

CONTRAVENTION OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER MAY LEAD TO CRIMINAL PROSECUTION

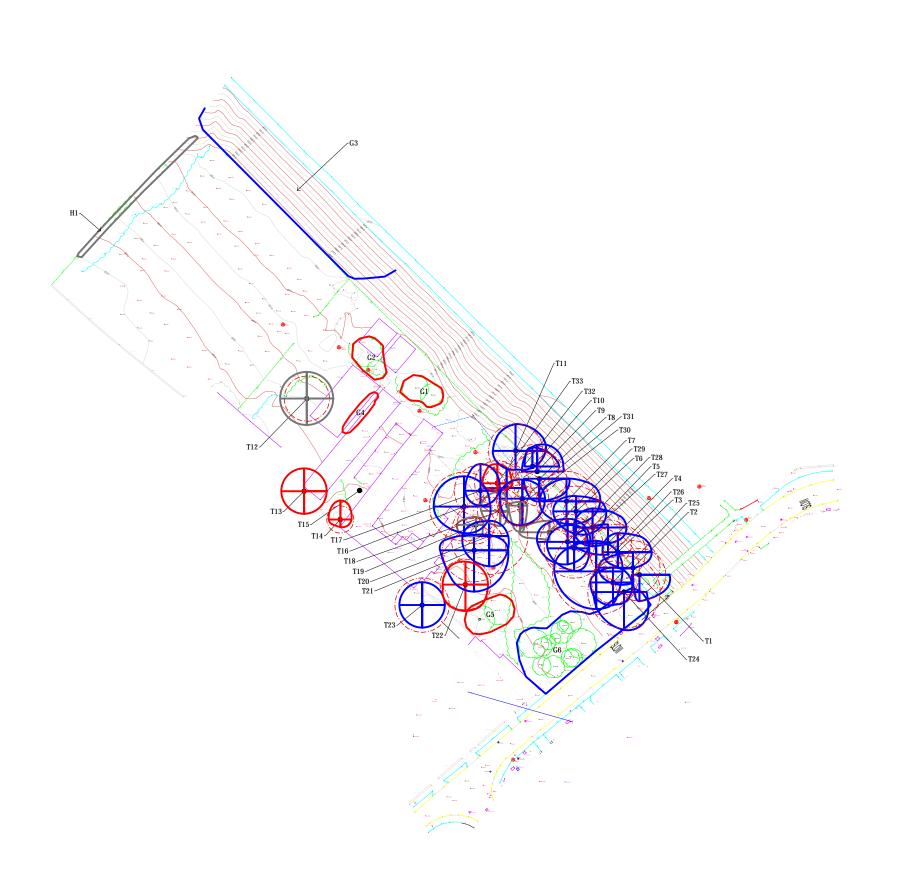
### THE FOLLOWING MUST BE OBSERVED BY ALL PERSONS:-

- THE PROTECTIVE FENCING MUST NOT BE REMOVED.
- NO PERSON SHALL ENTER THE PROTECTED AREA
- NO MACHINE OR PLANT SHALL ENTER THE PROTECTED AREA
- NO MATERIALS SHALL BE STORED IN THE PROTECTED AREA
- NO SPOIL SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN THE PROTECTED AREA
- NO EXCAVATION SHALL OCCUR IN THE PROTECTED AREA

ANY INCURSION INTO THE PROTECTED AREA MUST BE
WITH THE WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

### **APPENDIX F – Site Plans**

Trees Constraints Plan
Development Layout Plan
Tree Protection Plan



### KEY

### TREE SURVEY



Retention Category A trees and groups of high quality



Retention Category B trees and groups of moderate quality



Retention Category C trees and groups of low



Category U trees and groups of poor quality



Root Protection Areas: Calculated inline with BS5837:2012 to show a circular RPA which does not take into consideration site conditions



Tree Protection Fencing





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