



ARBORICULTURAL METHOD STATEMENT

to BS 5837:2012 at:

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Executive Summary

This Arboricultural Method Statement has been prepared in accordance with BS 5837:2012 – Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction – Recommendations to outline how retained trees will be protected throughout the proposed development.

Drawing on the findings of a detailed tree survey (Ref: AWA7101, this document sets out a clear timeline for the implementation of tree management and protection measures before, during, and after construction. It includes specifications for required tree works, protective fencing and ground protection, and detailed guidance for any activities within or adjacent to Root Protection Areas (RPAs).

A copy of this document must remain on site for the duration of all development activities and must be adhered to in full to ensure compliance with planning conditions and to safeguard the long-term health of retained trees.

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1. Introduction

1.1 Instruction

- 1.1.1 We were instructed by White Agus Ltd to prepare an arboricultural method statement for the proposed development.

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 November 2025, detailed within Appendix 3 of this report.

1.3 Description of Development

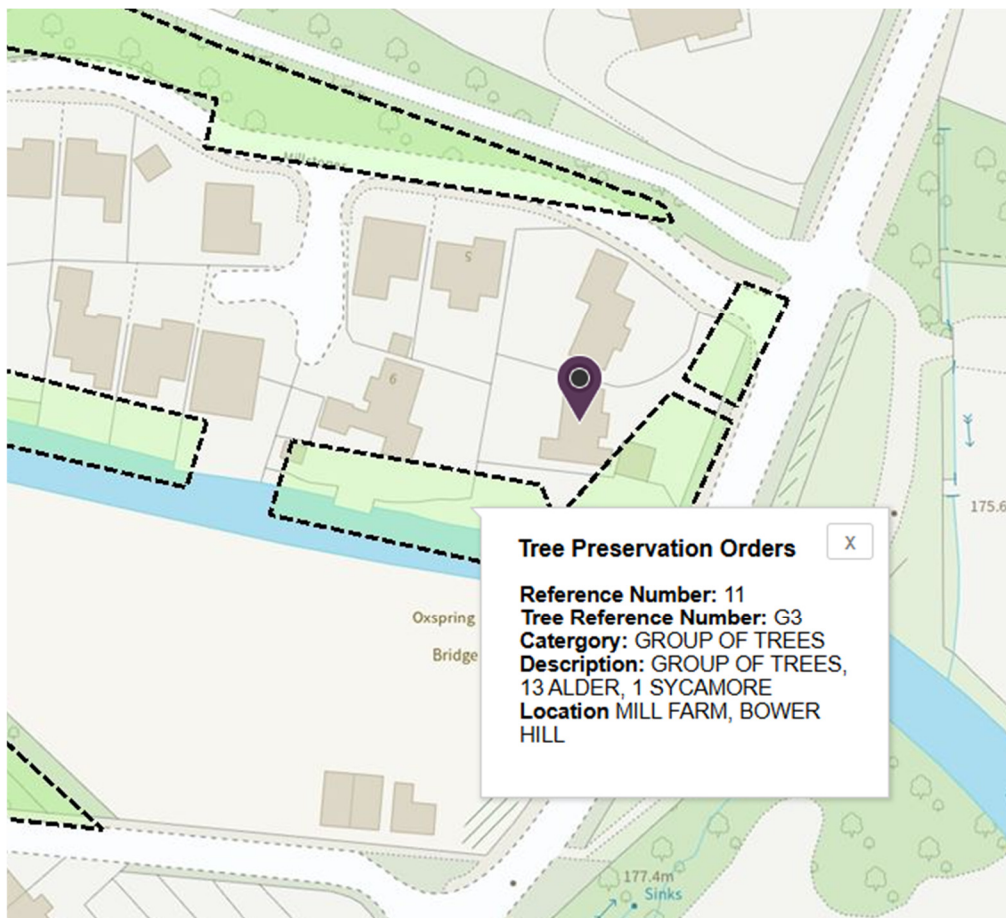
- 1.3.1 It is proposed to extend the existing property on the eastern aspect. The proposed development layout has been provided by my client and is the basis for the Tree Protection Plan at Appendix 4.

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.

1.5 Legal

- 1.5.1 The following advice is for guidance purposes only. Some trees are protected by legislation, and it is essential that the legal status of trees is established prior to carrying out works to them. Unauthorised work to protected trees could lead to prosecution, resulting in enforcement action such as fines or a criminal record. Tree Preservation Orders, Conservation Areas, Planning Conditions, Felling Licences or Restrictive Covenants legally protect many trees in the UK.
- 1.5.2 An online search was undertaken with Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council on 12/11/25 to check whether any trees at the site are protected by a Tree Preservation Order or are located within a Conservation Area. **Trees at the site are protected by a Tree Preservation Order .**
- 1.5.3 The accessed map image from <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/barnsley-maps/tree-preservation-orders-map/> is detailed below:



- 1.5.4 Before carrying out any works to protected trees the permission of the local planning authority is required. There are large potential penalties for illegally carrying out work to protected trees. Statutory permission is not required for the removal of deadwood.
- 1.5.5 The Multi-Agency Geographical Information for the Countryside (MAGIC) website was used to search for areas of ancient woodlands listed on the Ancient Woodland (DEFRA 2021), and a check for catalogued Ancient and Veteran trees using the woodland trust ancient tree inventory (ATI) (Woodland Trust 2021).
- 1.5.6 It was confirmed that there are no designated ancient woodlands or veteran or ancient trees within the survey area.
- 1.5.7 Trees provide a wide range of habitats for many species, some of which are legally protected such as bats, nesting birds, badgers and dormice. It is essential that appropriate care is taken to ensure that this legislation is not contravened.
- 1.5.8 When appointing a tree surgeon, only properly qualified and experienced companies should be used, who have adequate Public Liability and Employer's Liability Insurance.
- 1.5.9 All tree work should be carried out according to British Standard 3998:2010 Tree Work - Recommendations.

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 works
- 3 Install tree protection measures
- 4 Pre commencement meeting/ confirm fencing is as specified
- 5 Construct new development
- 6 Remove tree protection fencing and undertake paving/soft landscaping within RPAs.

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 removals and pruning works 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	Installation of the tree protection measures will take place as shown at Appendix 4, prior to any storage of plant, materials and machinery.	If necessary, liaise with the contractor installing the tree protection measures until completed to the standard specified in this method statement.
4 Site Meeting	Following installation of tree protection 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 protection measures, and tree works are as specified by taking photographs.
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 protection fencing must only be undertaken when all site traffic and machinery has left the site. Undertake associated landscaping within RPAs.	If acceptable to the LPA, the contractor can take photographs of the site to give to the LPA to gain approval for the removal of the tree protection fencing.

3. Tree Management

3.1 Tree Works

- 3.1.1 Thuja, Birch and Pine G7: remove to ground level.
- 3.1.2 Cypress T5: remove to ground level.
- 3.1.3 All tree work must be carried out according to British Standard 3998:2010 Tree Work - Recommendations.
- 3.1.4 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 tree protection fencing for this site should be located as shown on the Tree Protection Plan at Appendix 4 (as illustrated with a thick orange line).
- 4.1.2 The tree protection fencing will be appropriate to the degree and proximity of likely construction works. In this instance, due to the low value of the trees and shrubs to be protected an adequate level of protection could be provided by plastic mesh fencing (see Figures at Appendix 1 for examples).
- 4.1.3 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 Tree Protection Plan. The final fencing position must be agreed on by the LPA before the commencement of any site works.
- 4.1.4 The tree protection fencing details should be incorporated into relevant subsequent plans, method statements used for design purposes and construction drawings issued for use on site, to ensure that all interested parties are fully aware of the areas in which access and works may and may not take place.

- 4.1.5 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 in this method statement. The site manager must ensure that all personnel are aware of the restrictions that apply to the fenced-off area.
- 4.1.6 The tree protection 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.

5. Works Close To Retained Trees

5.1 Drainage and Utilities

- 5.1.1 New drainage and underground utilities are to be positioned outside of the RPAs of retained trees, and above ground utilities will be routed away from areas where they are likely to interfere with the retained trees' crowns.
- 5.1.2 NJUG 10: Guidelines for the Planning, Installation and Maintenance of Utility Services in Proximity to Trees should be considered when installing services.

5.2 Additional Precautions

- 5.2.1 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.
- 5.2.2 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.

- 5.2.3 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.

5.3 Post Construction Landscaping

- 5.3.1 Many of the trees on site may be subject to some form of landscaping or seeding beneath their canopies after the development phase. At this stage the protective fencing will have been removed and the extension may be in use.
- 5.3.2 Landscaping works should be carried out in such a way as to avoid ground level changes or deep digging. Tractor mounted rotovation or other mechanised cultivation methods must not be used.
- 5.3.3 No heavy machinery should be brought into the vicinity of retained trees.
- 5.3.4 Herbicides should be appropriate for the purpose and should not be used in such a way as to damage any retained trees or vegetation.

6. Signature

I trust this report provides all the required information.

Signed



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Appendix 1: Images and Figures



Figure 1: Plastic mesh fencing secured with heavy duty metal stakes

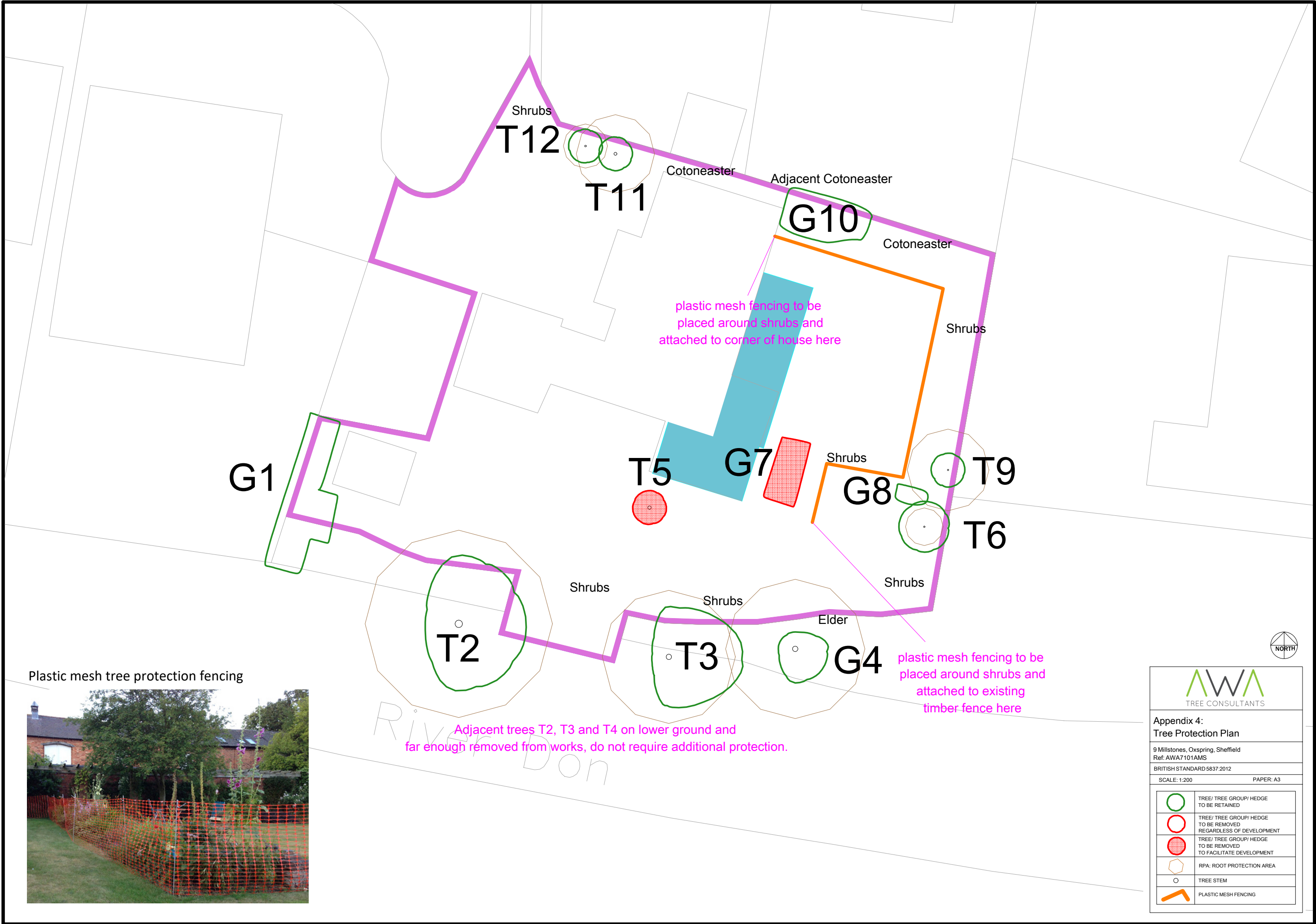
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Tree ID	Tree Species		Maturity	Measurements				Crown (m)				Tree Condition				Value		Management				
	Common Name	Latin Name		Height (m)	Stems	Stem Diameter (mm)	Estimated	Crown height	N	E	S	W	Roots	Stem	Crown	Comments	Physiological	Structural	Life Expectancy	Amenity	Category	Works
G1	Cypress	<i>Cupressus sp.</i>	Semi-mature	3	6	200 avg	Yes	0	See plan				Cypress boundary hedge, fence immediately to west. Partially on retaining wall next to garage.				Fair	Fair	20 to 40 yrs	Low	C	No works required
T2	Alder	<i>Alnus sp.</i>	Mature	15	1	450	Yes	5	4	4	4	2	Limited access around base. Exposed roots. Waterlogged	Single stemmed. Old pruning wounds. Stubs	Minor deadwood	On river edge 1.5m below garden level at base of retaining wall. Crown raised to 5m leaving long stubs with some decay. Roots exposed on river edge and partially submerged.	Good	Fair	>40 yrs	Low	C	No works required
T3	Alder	<i>Alnus sp.</i>	Early-mature	9	1	320	No	2	3	4.5	3	1	Limited access around base	Single stemmed. Slight lean. Old pruning wounds	Minor deadwood	On river bank. Limited access around base prevented detailed inspection. Crown cut back from garden to 4m above ground level.	Good	Fair	>40 yrs	Low	C	No works required
G4	Sycamore	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Semi-mature	2	2	300 150	Yes	1	1	2	2	1	Limited access around base	Vertical. Old pruning wounds. Stubs	Minor deadwood. Old pruning wounds	Two stems topped at 2-3m with regrowth.	Good	Fair	20 to 40 yrs	Low	C	No works required
T5	Cypress	<i>Cupressus sp.</i>	Early-mature	3	1	200	Yes	0	1	1	1	1	Limited access around base	Single stemmed. Vertical	Normal	Trimmed and shaped.	Good	Good	20 to 40 yrs	Low	C	Removal required to facilitate the development

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T6	Cherry	<i>Prunus sp.</i>	Young	2.5	1	90	No	1	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	No visual defects	Single stemmed. Tear out. Stem wound	Normal	Stem previously torn out at 1m leaving large wound. Planting stake in contact with branches.	Good	Poor	<10 yrs	Low	U	No action required in current site context – tree unsuitable for longterm retention
G7	Thuja, Birch, Pine	<i>Thuja occidentalis</i> , <i>Betula sp.</i> , <i>Abies sp.</i>	Young	3	4	100 avg	Yes	0	See plan				Topped to 3m and trimmed to shape.				Good	Fair	20 to 40 yrs	Low	C	Removal required to facilitate the development
G8	Alder	<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	Young	2.5	2	80 80	Yes	1	See plan				Limited access around base	Stubs. Old pruning wounds	Minor deadwood	2 stems within shrubbery. topped at 2.5m.	Fair	Fair	20 to 40 yrs	Low	C	No works required
T9	Cherry Laurel	<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>	Young	2	6	80 avg	Yes	0	1	1	1	1	Limited access around base	Stubs. Old pruning wounds	Normal	Trimmed to shape.	Good	Fair	20 to 40 yrs	Low	C	No works required
G10	Cotoneaster, Cherry Laurel, Cypress	<i>Cotoneaster sp.</i> , <i>Prunus sp.</i> , <i>Cupressus sp</i>	Semi-mature	3	10+	70 avg	Yes	0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	No visual defects	Multiple stemmed at base	Normal	Shrubby group. Topped at approx 3m.	Good	Fair	20 to 40 yrs	Low	C	No works required

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	T11	Cherry	<i>Prunus sp.</i>	Young	3	3	120 120 80	No	1	1	1	1	1	Limited access around base	Multiple stemmed at 1m. Tight union	Old pruning wounds. Stubs	Topped at 2.5m. overhanging drive	Good	Fair	20 to 40 yrs	Low	C
T12	Maple	<i>Acer sp.</i>	Young	2	2	80 70	No	2	1	1	1	1	Limited access around base	Twin stemmed at 1m. Epicormic growths	Old pruning wounds. Stubs	Topped at 2m. overhanging drive	Good	Fair	20 to 40 yrs	Low	C	No works required



Plastic mesh tree protection fencing



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**Appendix 4:
Tree Protection Plan**

9 Millstones, Oxspring, Sheffield
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BRITISH STANDARD 5837:2012

SCALE: 1:200 PAPER: A3

	TREE/ TREE GROUP/ HEDGE TO BE RETAINED
	TREE/ TREE GROUP/ HEDGE TO BE REMOVED REGARDLESS OF DEVELOPMENT
	TREE/ TREE GROUP/ HEDGE TO BE REMOVED TO FACILITATE DEVELOPMENT
	RPA: ROOT PROTECTION AREA
	TREE STEM
	PLASTIC MESH FENCING