

## Arboricultural Method Statement

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## **ACRONYMS & ABBREVIATIONS**

The following acronyms and abbreviations may be used throughout this report:

### **A**

**AC**                    **Arboricultural Consultant**

**AMS**                **Arboricultural Method Statement**

### **C**

**CEZ**                **Construction Exclusion Zone**

**CCS**                **Cellular Confinement System**

### **M**

**MWC**              **Main Works Contractor**

### **R**

**RPA**                **Root Protection Area**

### **S**

**SoU**                **Statement of Undertaking**

### **T**

**TPF**                **Tree Protective Fencing**

**TPO**                **Tree Preservation Order**

**TPP**                **Tree Protection Fencing Plan**

**TWC**                **Tree Works Contractor**

## Purpose of Document

This report has been commissioned to provide details on how the retained trees will be protected and managed during the development process at Rookery Farm, Church Lane, Fenny Drayton. This includes a Tree Protection Plan that provides illustrative guidance on the tree protection measures that are required for the development of the site.

This document is prepared to assist in the discharge of planning conditions that have been attached to the consented application (Ref: 21/00402/OUT), and in particular, with condition 16, 17 & 18 which states:

16. No work shall commence on site until trees on and adjacent to the site have been securely fenced off with protective barriers to form a construction exclusion zone in accordance with BS 5837:2012 Tree in relation to design, demolition and construction. A Tree Protection Plan shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Within the protected areas there shall be no alteration to ground levels, no compaction of the soil, no stacking or storing of any materials and no service trenches shall be dug unless first agreed in writing by the Authority.

Reason; To ensure the existing trees are adequately protected during construction in the interests of the visual amenities of the area and in accordance with Policy DM10 of the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD 2016.

17. No works or development shall take place until an auditable system of arboricultural site monitoring by the appointed project arboriculturist has been approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. This scheme will be appropriate to the scale and duration of the works and will include details of:

- a. Induction and personnel awareness of arboricultural matters
- b. Identification of individual responsibilities and key personnel
- c. Statement of delegated powers
- d. Timing and methods of site visiting and record keeping, including updates
- e. Procedures for dealing with variations and incidents.
- f. The scheme of supervision shall be carried out as agreed.
- g. The scheme of supervision will be administered by a qualified arboriculturist instructed by the applicant and approved by the local planning authority.

Reason: To ensure that the tree protection plan is adequately implemented in the interests of the visual amenities of the area in accordance with Policy DM10 of the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD 2016.

18. No works or development shall take place until a site specific no-dig drive construction method statement has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority showing that no-dig surfacing is fit for purpose. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To ensure that trees are not damaged during construction and that soil bulk density will not be increased and be detrimental to long-term tree health in accordance with Policy DM10 of the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD 2016

## Executive Summary

SP Tree Consultancy Limited was commissioned to provide an assessment of the impact on the existing tree stock, from a development proposal the Rookery Farm, Church Lane, Fenny Drayton.

The proposal is for residential development of up to 5 dwellings including new car park to serve the Fenny Drayton community and demolition of existing bungalow and agricultural buildings

A tree survey was undertaken at the site in accordance with the guidelines provided in BS5837 (2012) Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations. This survey identified a total of 17 arboricultural features. These consist of 8 trees, 6 groups and 3 hedges, and have been categorised as follows:

- 2 of good arboricultural quality (Category A)
- 1 of moderate arboricultural quality (Category B)
- 13 of low arboricultural quality (Category C)
- 1 of poor arboricultural quality (Category U)

The proposal requires the removal of five of these features trees T01-T03 and hedges H02-H03. All of these features are of low quality and will be mitigated by replacement landscaping.

The proposed new community parking will be in the RPA (Root Protection Area) of the offsite Yew Trees G05 and a no dig construction will be used to protect the rooting environment. This will be a cellular confinement system with a permeable surfacing system.

Controlled demolition of buildings and removal of existing hard surfacing is required in the RPA of group G04 and tree T08 to ensure roots of the retained trees are protected.

Retained trees will be protected during works by Construction Exclusion Zones (CEZ). Tree Protection Fencing (TPF), along with the use of existing, walls and fences.

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# 1. SCOPE OF WORKS

1.1. In order to discharge condition 16, 17 & 18 the following arboricultural protection measures are required:

- Arboricultural Clerk of Works supervision
- Tree Protection Fencing (TPF)
- Demolition of existing buildings
- Use of cellular confinement in root affected areas.

1.2. There is no requirement for any of the following within Root Protection Areas (RPAs) of retained trees:

- Site gradient changes
- Contractor's parking
- Storage of materials

1.3. There is also no requirement for the following within the site:

- Fires
- Herbicide use

## 2. ARBORICULTURAL ACTIVITIES & SEQUENCE

It is recommended that this sheet is removed from this report, laminated and displayed within the main site office at a visible location to all site staff.

| Arboricultural Requirements  | Required on this Site? (Yes/No) | Timing & Importance                                                                                  | Details                                                                                                                                                                | AMS Report Section |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| ACoW Supervision             | Yes                             | Level of ACoW supervision will be confirmed at the pre-commencement meeting. Anticipated ACoW are: - | Pre-commencement meeting<br>Installation of TPF<br>Installation of permanent ground protection<br>Removal of surfaces with root disturbance and possible root pruning. | 4                  |
| Tree Removals                | Yes                             | Pre-construction/demolition                                                                          | Trees T01-T03 and Hedges H02-H03                                                                                                                                       | 7                  |
| Tree Pruning                 | No                              | Pre-construction/demolition<br><br>Pre-construction                                                  | No remedial pruning has been identified                                                                                                                                | N/A                |
| Tree Protective Fencing      | Yes                             | Fencing <b>MUST</b> be erected and inspected by ACoW before site works can start.                    | The precise form of fencing TPF positions and natural features are shown on the consented Tree Protection Fencing drawings: -                                          | 10                 |
| Temporary Ground Protection  | No                              | N/A                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                        | N/A                |
| Specific Protection Measures | Yes                             | Demolition and removal of surfacing                                                                  | ACoW supervision is required for surfacing removal of areas of existing root disturbance and determine any root appropriate root pruning.                              | 12                 |

|                      |     |                           |                                                                                                                                          |    |
|----------------------|-----|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Cellular Confinement | Yes | New community car parking | Cellular confinement systems are to be used in areas of existing root disturbance to spread pressures from any potential root expansion. | 13 |
|----------------------|-----|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|

**Key Responsibilities:**

- 1) IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR TO ENSURE THAT TREE PROTECTION MEASURES ARE ADHERED TO AT ALL TIMES.
- 2) IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MAIN CONTRACTOR TO ENSURE THAT ALL SITE PERSONNEL FULLY UNDERSTAND THE PROTECTION MEASURES ON THE SITE.
- 3) IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MAIN CONTRACTOR TO ENSURE THAT THE PROJECT ARBORICULTURIST IS CONTACTED IF THERE ARE ANY ISSUES RELATED TO TREES.

### 3. ARBORICULTURAL METHOD STATEMENT

#### Overview

- 3.1. The following explanations relate specifically to this site, and they should be read in conjunction with the Tree Protection Plan (TPP).
- 3.2. A copy of this report must be kept on site and be permanently available for the duration of the development. It can be:
- 3.3. Included in the tender documents to identify and quantify the tree protection and management requirements.
- 3.4. Used to plan the timing of site operations to minimise the impact of trees, and.
- 3.5. Referenced on site for practical guidance on how to protect trees.

## 4. ARBORICULTURAL SUPERVISION

4.1. SP Tree Consultancy Limited has been appointed to undertake Arboricultural Clerk of Works (ACoW) for the project implementation. To advise on the tree management for the site and to attend:

- The pre-commencement meeting before any works starts
- Regular supervision visits; and
- As needed to oversee specific works that could affect trees

4.2. Additionally, the consultant will have a supervisory input into the following operations:

- Site preparation, including tree works
- Installation, maintenance and removal of barriers
- Installation, maintenance and removal of temporary ground protection
- Removal of existing surfacing in areas of disturbance
- Installation of permanent ground protection
- Installation of new structures

## 5. SEQUENCING AND TIMING

5.1. Effective tree protection relies upon following a logical sequence of events and arboricultural inspection/supervision. Figure 1 and Table 1 provide an indication to the likely sequencing and supervision requirements of the retained ACoW.

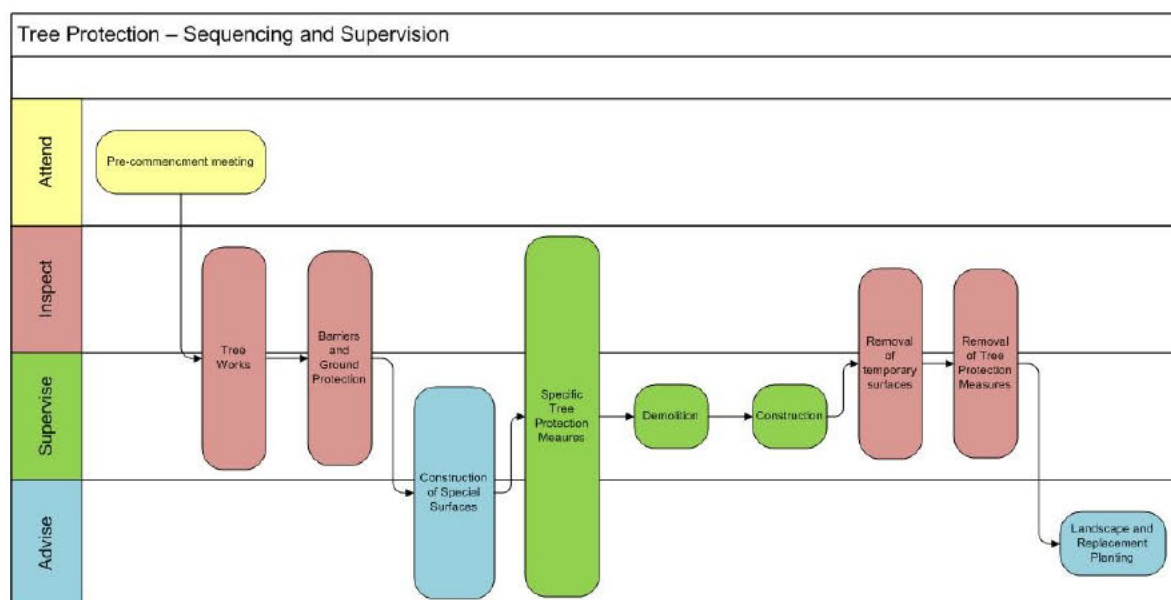


Figure 1 – Tree Protection: Sequencing and Supervision Chart

Table 1 – Sequencing and Supervision

| Stage | Action                            | Arboricultural Input Required |
|-------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1     | Pre-commencement meeting          | Attend                        |
| 2     | Tree Works                        | Inspect                       |
| 3     | Tree Protective Fencing           | Inspect                       |
| 4     | Construction of special surfaces  | Supervise                     |
| 5     | Specific tree protection measures | Supervise                     |
| 7     | Development Phase                 | Inspect                       |
| 8     | Remove temporary surfaces         | Inspect                       |
| 9     | Remove tree protective fencing    | Inspect                       |

- 5.2. The retained ACoW's initial role is to liaise with the developer and Local Planning Authority (LPA) to ensure the tree protection measures are fit for purpose and in place before any works commence on the site. Once the site is working that role will switch to monitoring compliance with arboricultural planning conditions and advising on any tree problems that arise or modifications that become necessary.
- 5.3. It is the developer's responsibility to ensure that details of this AMS and any agreed amendments are known and understood by all site personnel. An AMS Briefing Statement has been prepared and attached to this document, see Appendix 1. This document provides summarised details of the key protection measures contained within this document. A copy of this should be made available to all site staff and used in any site inductions.

- 5.4. The final details of supervision and the frequency of inspection visits will be agreed at the pre-commencement meeting. The supervision arrangement will be sufficiently flexible to allow the supervision of all sensitive works as they occur.
- 5.5. The ACoW will make a record of the visits, and these will be attached to the site copy of the AMS for inspection. A further copy will be sent to the LPA. The purpose of these written records is firstly to provide proof of compliance that will allow the developer to robustly demonstrate adherence to best practice in the event of any dispute. Secondly it will help the LPA efficiently discharge the relevant planning conditions.
- 5.6. An example of this site inspection record can be found in Appendix 2.

## 6. PRE-COMMENCING MEETING

- 6.1. A pre-commencement site meeting involving the landowner, ACoW, contractors and engineers (as appropriate), and relevant LPA officers will be held to ensure that all aspects of the tree protection processes are understood and agreed.
- 6.2. The meeting is where the details of the programme of tree protection will be agreed and finalised, which will then form the basis of any supervision arrangements between the ACoW and the developer.
- 6.3. The ACoW will send a record of the meeting to all parties.
- 6.4. The ACoW will request that the contractor signs a Statement of Undertaking (SoU). This document confirms that the contractor fully understands the tree protection measures required throughout the construction process and accepts full responsibility for the protection of retained trees. A copy of the signed document will be kept onsite throughout the duration of the project. A copy will also be sent to the LPA officer for reference.
- 6.5. An example of this document can be found in Appendix 3.

## 7. TREE REMOVAL

- 7.1. The proposal requires the removal of five of these features trees T01-T03 and hedges H02-H03.
- 7.2. All of these features are of low quality and will be mitigated by replacement landscaping.

| Ref. | Species                                                                  | Recommendation                   | Retention Category | Photo                                                                                 |
|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| H02  | Cypress<br>( <i>Cupressus sp.</i> )                                      | Remove to facilitate development | C2                 |    |
| H03  | Cypress<br>( <i>Cupressus sp.</i> )                                      | Remove to facilitate development | C2                 |   |
| T01  | Cherry plum<br>'Pissardii'<br>( <i>Prunus cerasifera</i><br>'Pissardii') | Remove to facilitate development | C2                 |  |
| T02  | Cherry plum<br>'Pissardii'<br>( <i>Prunus cerasifera</i><br>'Pissardii') | Remove to facilitate development | C2                 |  |
| T03  | Cherry plum<br>'Pissardii'<br>( <i>Prunus cerasifera</i><br>'Pissardii') | Remove to facilitate development | C2                 |  |

## 8. TREE WORKS

- 8.1. No remedial pruning has been identified.
- 8.2. If subsequently any works are required, the LPA must be notified.
- 8.3. All works are within good arboricultural practice and would be undertaken in accordance with BS3998 2010 Tree work Recommendations.

## 9. BARRIERS AND GROUND PROTECTION

### The Construction Exclusion Zone

- 9.1. No works will be undertaken within any CEZ that causes compaction to the soil, changes in levels, or severance of tree roots.

### Tree Protection Fencing

- 9.2. A protective fence will be erected around the trees, prior to the commencement of any site works. This includes any materials or machinery brought onto site, development or the stripping of soil.
- 9.3. The fence is to be sited in accordance with the TPP enclosed with this method statement. This is shown as a black line with orange shading indicating the enclosed CEZ.
- 9.4. Measurements for the position of fencing must be taken on site.
- 9.5. The precise form of fencing can vary provided it is fit for purpose and prevents damaging activities within the CEZ. For a proposal of this nature, the Heras 151 system of fencing will provide the necessary protection to the CEZ.

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9.7. All Heras fence panels will be joined using a coupling system such as the Heraslock Anti-tamper coupler, using a minimum of two clamps per panel side. Each panel will be fitted securely to a rubberised foot that will in turn be pinned to the ground using metal stakes driven a minimum of 500mm into the ground.

9.8. The fence will have signs attached to it stating that it defines a CEZ and that no works are permitted within the fence. No notice boards, cables or other services will be attached to any tree. An example of a fencing sign is below.

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9.9.

- 9.10. After the protective fencing has been erected, the retained ACoW will visit the site. The purpose of the visit will be to check that the fencing has been correctly installed so as to provide protection to the trees. The LPA tree officer may also be invited to inspect the tree protection measures prior to any works commencing.
- 9.11. The retained ACoW will provide a written report confirming satisfactory completion of this task. A copy of this report will be sent to the LPA.
- 9.12. The protective fencing may only be removed following completion of all construction works.

## 10. DEMOLITION / SURFACE REMOVAL

- 10.1. Demolition works will take place within the RPA of any retained trees on this site.
- 10.2. Any machinery used to conduct the surface removal must be sited outside of the CEZ and reach into the area. The machine is to work slowly under the guidance of a trained banksman.
- 10.3. Existing foundations where possible will be left in situ to minimise possible root disturbance.
- 10.4. Appropriate tools for manually removing debris may include a pneumatic breaker, crowbar, sledgehammer, pick, mattock, shovel, spade, trowel, fork and wheelbarrow. Secateurs and a handsaw must all be available to deal with any roots that are exposed.
- 10.5. Debris may be removed from the RPA manually, but it also may be lifted out by machines provided this does not disturb the RPA.

## 11. PERMANENT HARD SURFACES WITHIN THE RPA

- 11.1. Where permanent hard surfaces are required within the RPA, there must be no excavation into the soil, either through the lowering of levels and/or scraping, other than the removal of turf or other surface vegetation. All such works shall be carried out using hand tools only.
- 11.2. A three-dimensional cellular confinement system will be installed. This is a load bearing system which protects roots from the effects of compaction from regular vehicular movement. An example product for this solution is CellWeb, but whatever system is used, the end result must be that the underlying soil (rooting environment) remains undisturbed and retains the capacity to support existing and new roots.
- 11.3. The dimensions for the area protected by the Cellweb have been marked on the TPP, which can be identified by the blue crosshatch on the plan.
- 11.4. The CellWeb will be pinned in place and backfilled with Type 1 MOT and finished with a wearing surface of blinded crushed stone and gravel or pea shingle. The edgings of the drive are to be installed on top of the CellWeb and will comprise of timber boards staked in place and backfilled with the wearing layer as previously described.
- 11.5. Once the system has been installed and backfilled correctly machinery can work from on top of the system.
- 11.6. Details of Cellweb are included in Appendix 8, and a methodology for installation can be provided by the manufacturer and it will be the responsibility of the contractor to ensure that whatever system is used, it is installed in accordance with the latest guidelines provided by the manufacturer.

## 12. DEVELOPMENT

- 12.1. Once all tree works and toolbox talks to highlight the importance of the CEZ have been completed, the developer can commence the on-site preparation works and construction can begin.

### Site Storage, Cement Mixing and Washing Points

- 12.2. No storage of materials will take place within a CEZ.
- 12.3. No mixing or storage of materials will take place up a slope where they may leak into a CEZ. Where contours of the site create a risk of polluted water running into RPAs, precautionary measures of using heavy duty plastic sheeting and sandbags with the ability to contain accidental spillage will be put in place to prevent contamination.

### Contractors Parking

- 12.4. Contractor's parking will not be within or in close proximity to a CEZ.

### Utility Services

- 12.5. There is no requirement for any service to be installed within a CEZ or RPA of any retained tree on this site.

### Fires

- 12.6. No fires will be lit on this site.

### Site Gradient

- 12.7. There will be no changes to any levels on this site within or in close proximity to the RPA of any retained tree on this site.

### Use of Herbicides

- 12.8. There is no requirement of any herbicide to be used on this site.

### Contingency planning

- 12.9. No mixing or storage of materials will take place up a slope where they may leak into a CEZ. Where contours of the site create a risk of polluted water running into RPAs, precautionary measures of using heavy duty plastic sheeting and sandbags with the ability to contain accidental spillage will be put in place to prevent contamination.
- 12.10. Water will be kept readily available on site and will be used to flush split materials through the soil and avoid contamination of tree roots.

## 13. POST DEVELOPMENT

### Removal of tree protection

- 13.1. Any TPF surfaces will remain in place until all construction activity is finished and there is no realistic risk of damage.
- 13.2. The TPF and temporary ground protective measures will be removed working backwards from on top of the system.
- 13.3. Once removed vehicular access to this part of the site will not be permitted.

### Completion Meeting

- 13.4. Upon completion of all works specified above and all procedures detailed, the ACoW will visit the site and may invite the LPA tree officer to meet on site to discuss the process and agree any final remedial works which may be required.

## 14. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 14.1. It is the responsibility of the principal contractor to ensure that the planning conditions attached to planning consent area adhered to at all times and that a monitoring regime in regard to tree protection is adopted on site.
- 14.2. The principal contractor will be responsible for contacting the LPA at any time issues are raised related to the trees on site.
- 14.3. If at any time pruning works are required permission must be sought from the LPA first and then carried out in accordance with BS3998:2010 Tree Works – Recommendations and industry best practice.
- 14.4. The principal contractor will ensure the build sequence is appropriate to ensure that no damage occurs to the trees during the construction processes. Protective fences will remain in position until completion of ALL construction works on the site.
- 14.5. The fencing and signs must be maintained in position at all times and checked on a regular basis by an on-site person designed that responsibility.
- 14.6. The principal contractor will be responsible for ensuring sub-contractors do not carry out any process or operation that is likely to adversely impact upon any tree on site.

## 15. CONTACTS

Table 4 shows a list of all relevant contacts for this development:

**Table 2 – Development contacts**

| Title                    | Name           | Position              | Contact                 |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Principal Contractor     | TBC            |                       |                         |
| Site Manager/<br>Foreman | TBC            |                       |                         |
| LPA Tree Officer         | TBC            |                       |                         |
| ACoW                     | Shaun Phillips | Director / Consultant | <div></div> <div></div> |
| Tree Surgeon             | TBC            |                       |                         |

## Appendix 1: AMS Briefing Statement

### Arboricultural Method Statement – Briefing Statement

**Rookery Farm, Church Lane, Fenny Drayton**

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this briefing document is to ensure that all contractors, sub-contractors and any other personnel working on the Wetherby Railway Path project are fully aware of the purpose of the tree protection measures that have been implemented on site.

#### **Key Messages**

The protection of the retained trees and hedges on site is a critical requirement of both the client and the Local Planning Authority.

The site has been designed with key green features being retained and protected. Any breach of the protection measures has the potential to damage those features and therefore disrupt the overall vision for the site.

A detailed **Arboricultural Method Statement** has been prepared. This details the requirements for ensuring that retained trees are protected. This document is available on site at the site office and should be read and understood by all personnel working on the site.

**Tree Protection Fencing Plans** has been prepared to provide graphical illustration as to the extent of tree protection measures.

The approved **Tree Protection Fencing** is plastic mesh fencing secured to wooden posts to protect areas that are being actively worked.

All **Tree Protection Fencing** will have a sign attached at regular intervals to state that it is Tree Protective Fencing.

No **Tree Protection Fencing** can be moved, opened, or breached in any way without the prior written approval of the project Arboriculturist.

The area within the Tree Protective Fencing is a Construction Exclusion Zone. This means that there must be no machinery, and no materials, within the area. Unauthorised access will be a breach of planning conditions and could lead to enforcement notices from the Local Planning Authority.

All Temporary Ground Protection will remain in place throughout the duration of the project. Unless approved by the project Arboriculturist.

All Permanent Ground Protection will be installed under the advice / supervision of the project Arboriculturist.

No works to any tree or hedge can be undertaken by any person that has not been approved by the project Arboriculturist.

Where additional tree works are required, there may be a requirement to obtain input and approval from: the client; the Local Planning Authority; the project Ecologist; and/or the project Landscape Consultant. If any additional works are required, as much notice as possible must be given to ensure that there are no delays to the works programme while the necessary approvals are obtained.

**Project Arboriculturist:** Shaun Phillips (SP TREE CONSULTANCY LIMITED)

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## Appendix 2: ACoW Site Inspection Record

|            |  |                          |  |
|------------|--|--------------------------|--|
| Site       |  | Date                     |  |
|            |  | Surveyor                 |  |
| Ref No:    |  | Planning Application No. |  |
| Developer  |  |                          |  |
| Site Agent |  | Contact No:              |  |

|                                                          |  |
|----------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Purpose of Visit                                         |  |
|                                                          |  |
| Was all tree protective fencing in place?                |  |
| Details                                                  |  |
| Action                                                   |  |
| Was CEZ to agreed dimensions?                            |  |
| Details                                                  |  |
| Action                                                   |  |
| Was debris/storage/groundwork evident within CEZ?        |  |
| Details                                                  |  |
| Action                                                   |  |
| Was there any evidence of damage to trees?               |  |
| Details                                                  |  |
| Action                                                   |  |
| Are any special works scheduled for coming build period? |  |
| Details                                                  |  |
| Action                                                   |  |
| Additional Comments                                      |  |

|                                         |  |  |
|-----------------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Any amendments proposed to plan?</b> |  |  |
| <b>Details</b>                          |  |  |
| <b>Action</b>                           |  |  |

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
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| <b>Name:</b>     |  |
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### Appendix 3: Statement of Undertaking

Our reference: AMS-26-03-001

#### STATEMENT OF UNDERTAKING

I confirm that I have read and fully understood the tree protection measures that have been detailed in the Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS) and Tree Protection Fencing Plans (TPP) that have been provided for Rookery Farn, Church Lane, Fenny Drayton. These documents have been provided to ensure that retained trees on the site are protected at all times during the construction process, and to assist the developer/construction company maintain compliance with the planning conditions.

I will ensure that tree protection measures are in accordance with the AMS and TPP throughout the construction process. I will also ensure that all site personnel are aware of the tree protection measures that are required throughout the site.

Where issues arise from tree related matters, I will consult the retained Arboricultural Clerk of Works (ACoW) before undertaking any activities that may cause damage to the protected trees.

Position: Director / Consultant.....

Name: Shaun Phillips.....

Signature: .....

Company: SP Tree Consultancy Limited.....

#### Approved by:

Position: .....

Name: .....

Signature: .....

Company: .....

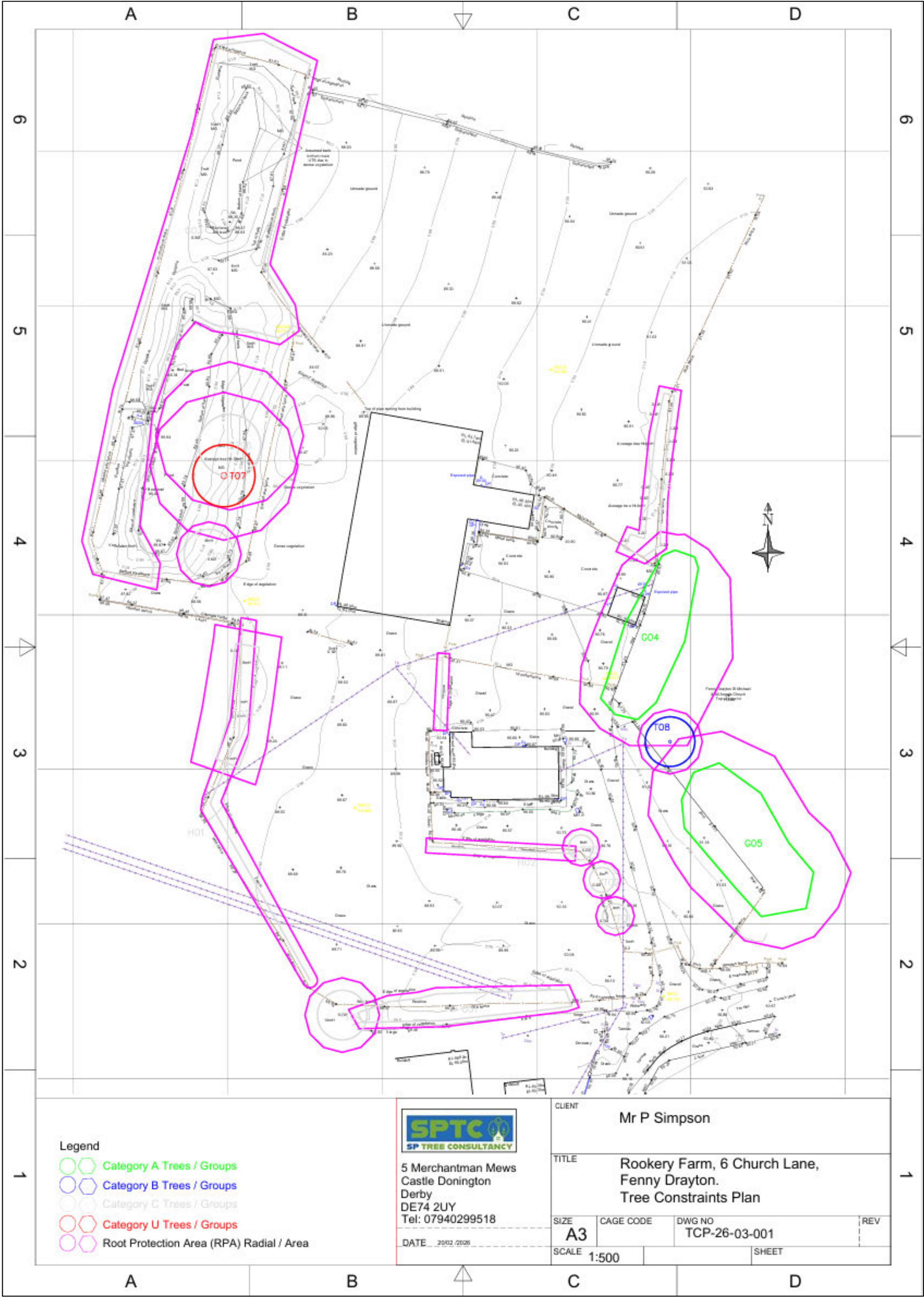
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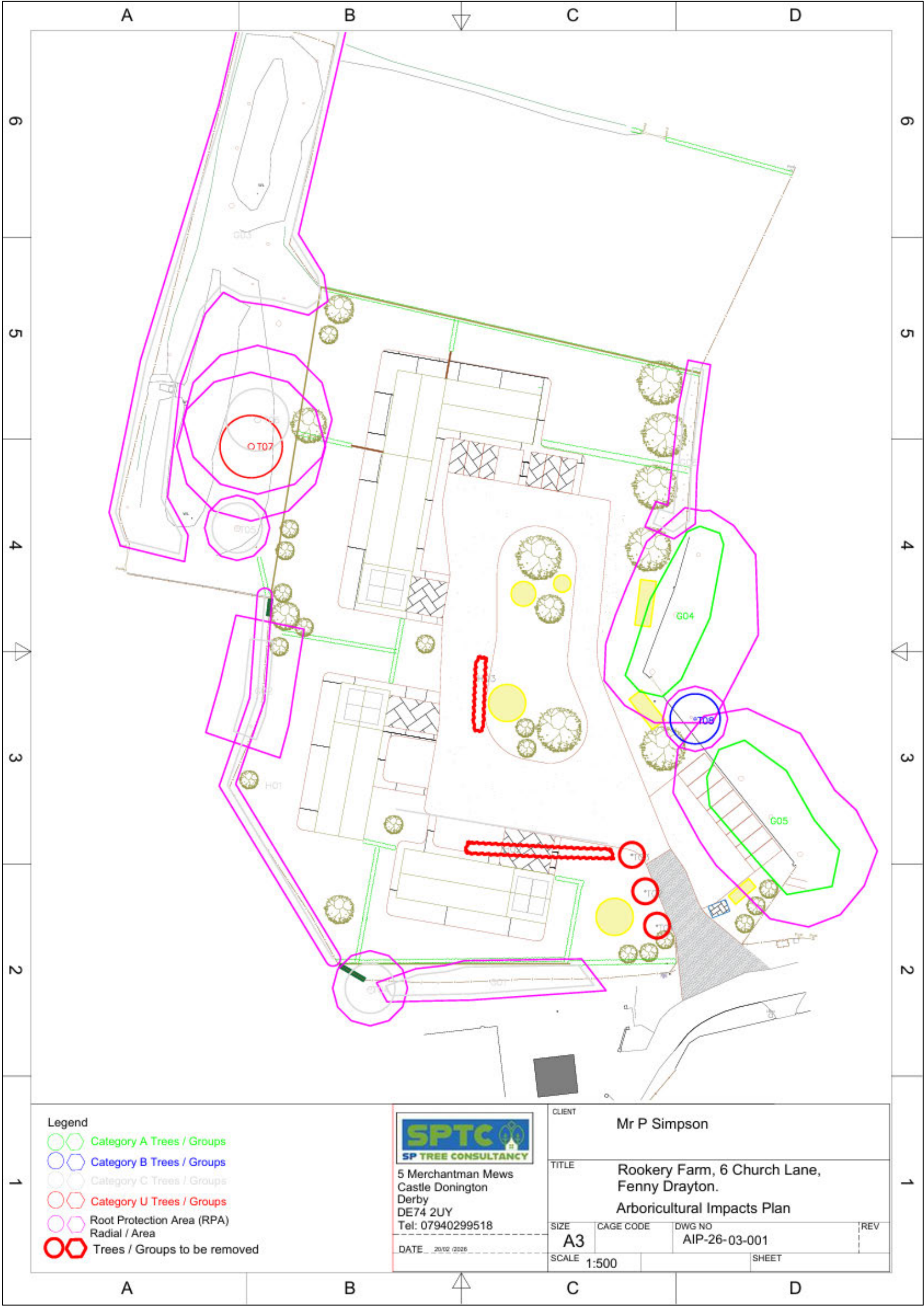
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Tree Protection Fencing Plans: TPP-26-03-001

## Appendix 4 Tree Schedule

|                         |                                         |                                               |                                                                                      |       |           |             |                   |              |                                |                                                                             |           |                |              |                  |          |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                     |            |              |          |                         |                 |                                    |                             |  |  |  |
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| Client:                 | Mr P Simpson                            |                                               |                                                                                      |       |           |             |                   |              |                                |                                                                             |           |                |              |                  |          |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                     | Reference: | TS-26-02-001 |          |                         |                 |                                    |                             |  |  |  |
| Site:                   | Rookery Farm, Church Lane Fenny Drayton |                                               |                                                                                      |       |           |             |                   |              |                                |                                                                             | Surveyor: | Shaun Phillips |              |                  |          |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                     |            |              |          |                         |                 | Date of survey:                    | 13/02/2026                  |  |  |  |
| Key to Notations        |                                         |                                               |                                                                                      |       |           |             |                   |              |                                |                                                                             |           |                |              |                  |          |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                     |            |              |          |                         |                 |                                    |                             |  |  |  |
|                         |                                         |                                               |                                                                                      |       |           |             | Age Class         |              | Definition                     |                                                                             |           |                |              | Category Grading |          |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                     |            |              |          |                         |                 |                                    |                             |  |  |  |
| Stem Dia:               |                                         | Stem diameter (mm) at 1.5m above ground level |                                                                                      |       |           |             | Y                 | Young        |                                | Trees that have not yet reached 1/3 of their expected mature height         |           |                |              |                  | Category |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                     |            |              | ERC      |                         |                 |                                    | Sub category                |  |  |  |
| C.C.                    |                                         | Height of crown clearance above ground level  |                                                                                      |       |           |             | EM                | Early Mature |                                | The stage in the life cycle of a tree between youth and maturity            |           |                |              |                  | A        | High Quality & Value                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                     |            |              | 40+      |                         | 1               |                                    | Mainly arboricultural value |  |  |  |
| L.B.                    |                                         | Lowest branch height in meters                |                                                                                      |       |           |             | M                 | Mature       |                                | Close to full height and crown size                                         |           |                |              |                  | B        | Moderate Quality & Value                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                     |            |              | 20+      |                         | 2               |                                    | Mainly landscape value      |  |  |  |
| D.L.B.                  |                                         | Direction of Lowest Branch                    |                                                                                      |       |           |             | OM                | Over Mature  |                                | Close to full height and crown size while main-stem diameter increases more |           |                |              |                  | C        | Low Quality & Value                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                     |            |              | 10+      |                         | 3               |                                    | Mainly cultural value       |  |  |  |
| E.R.C.                  |                                         | Estimated Remaining Contribution (in years)   |                                                                                      |       |           |             | V                 | Veteran      |                                | A tree that has survived the rigours of life and shows signs of ancientness |           |                |              |                  | U        | Unsuitable for retention                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                     |            |              | <10      |                         |                 |                                    |                             |  |  |  |
| Physiological condition |                                         |                                               |                                                                                      |       |           |             | Good              |              | No significant health problems |                                                                             |           |                |              | Fair             |          | Symptoms of health that can be remediated                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                     |            |              |          | Poor                    |                 | Significant ill health             |                             |  |  |  |
| Structural condition    |                                         |                                               |                                                                                      |       |           |             | Good              |              | No significant defects         |                                                                             |           |                |              | Fair             |          | Significant defects that can be remediated                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                     |            |              |          | Poor                    |                 | Significant defects with no remedy |                             |  |  |  |
|                         |                                         |                                               |                                                                                      |       |           |             |                   |              |                                |                                                                             |           |                |              |                  |          |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                     |            |              |          |                         |                 |                                    |                             |  |  |  |
| Tree No.                | Ref No                                  | Species                                       | Botanical Name                                                                       | H (m) | Stem Dia. | No of Stems | Branch Spread (m) |              |                                |                                                                             | CC (m)    | LB (m)         | Age          | PC               | SC       | Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Recommendations                                                                     | ERC        | Cat.         | RPA (m2) | RPA Radial distance (m) | Direct Removal? |                                    |                             |  |  |  |
| G01                     | Group                                   | Ash<br>Cypress                                | <i>Fraxinus sp.</i><br><i>Cupressus sp.</i>                                          | 7     | 150       | 1           | 2                 | 2            | 2                              | 2                                                                           | 2         | 2              | Mature       | Fair             | Fair     | Ash previously topped                                                                                                                                                                                    | During construction:<br>Protect trees with protective barriers - as shown on plans. | 10+ Years  | C2           | 10       | 2                       | No              |                                    |                             |  |  |  |
| G02                     | Group                                   | Lombardy poplar x4                            | <i>Populus nigra italica</i> x4                                                      | 18    | 500       | 1           | 2                 | 2            | 2                              | 2                                                                           | 2         | 2              | Early Mature | Fair             | Fair     | Offsite tree.<br>Estimated / average measurements.                                                                                                                                                       | During construction:<br>Protect trees with protective barriers - as shown on plans. | 10+ Years  | C2           | 113      | 6                       | No              |                                    |                             |  |  |  |
| G03                     | Group                                   | Elder<br>Pine<br>Willow<br>Ash                | <i>Sambucus nigra</i><br><i>Pinus sp.</i><br><i>Salix sp.</i><br><i>Fraxinus sp.</i> | 7     | 300       | 1           | 3                 | 3            | 3                              | 3                                                                           | 1         | 1              | Mature       | Fair             | Fair     | Suppressed By adjacent tree/s.<br>Estimated / average measurements.<br>Estimated DBH due to access/ivy.<br>Level changes or gradients in RPA.<br>Dieback - poor foliage.<br>Prolific ivy.                | Remove to facilitate development                                                    | 10+ Years  | C2           | 41       | 4                       | No              |                                    |                             |  |  |  |
| G04                     | Group                                   | English yew x3                                | <i>Taxus baccata</i> x3                                                              | 10    | 850       | 1           | 5                 | 5            | 5                              | 5                                                                           | 2         | 2              | Mature       | Fair             | Fair     | Existing boundary wall in RPA.<br>Estimated / average measurements.<br>Level changes or gradients in RPA.<br>0.5m higher on cemetery side<br>Existing Hard standing in RPA.<br>Existing Building in RPA. | Controlled demolition and removal of existing surfacing to be undertaken with care. | 40+ Years  | A2           | 327      | 10                      | No              |                                    |                             |  |  |  |
| G05                     | Group                                   | English yew x3                                | <i>Taxus baccata</i> x3                                                              | 10    | 850       | 1           | 5                 | 5            | 5                              | 5                                                                           | 2         | 2              | Mature       | Fair             | Fair     | Existing Boundary wall in RPA.<br>Estimated / average measurements.<br>Level changes or gradients in RPA.<br>0.5m higher on cemetery side                                                                | No Dig solution proposed for parking                                                | 40+ Years  | A2           | 327      | 10                      | No              |                                    |                             |  |  |  |
| G06                     | Group                                   | Cypress x12                                   | <i>Cupressus sp.</i> x12                                                             | 4     | 120       | 1           | 1                 | 1            | 1                              | 1                                                                           | -         | -              | Early Mature | Fair             | Fair     | Estimated / average measurements.                                                                                                                                                                        | During construction:<br>Protect trees with protective barriers - as shown on plans. | 10+ Years  | C2           | 7        | 2                       | No              |                                    |                             |  |  |  |
| H01                     | Hedge                                   | Cypress                                       | <i>Cupressus sp.</i>                                                                 | 2     | 100       | 1           | 1                 | 1            | 1                              | 1                                                                           | -         | -              | Early Mature | Fair             | Fair     | Offsite tree.<br>Estimated / average measurements.                                                                                                                                                       | During construction:<br>Protect trees with protective barriers - as shown on plans. | 10+ Years  | C2           | 5        | 1                       | No              |                                    |                             |  |  |  |
| H02                     | Hedge                                   | Cypress                                       | <i>Cupressus sp.</i>                                                                 | 2     | 100       | 1           | 1                 | 1            | 1                              | 1                                                                           | -         | -              | Early Mature | Fair             | Fair     | Estimated / average measurements.                                                                                                                                                                        | Remove to facilitate development                                                    | 10+ Years  | C2           | 5        | 1                       | Yes             |                                    |                             |  |  |  |
| H03                     | Hedge                                   | Cypress                                       | <i>Cupressus sp.</i>                                                                 | 2     | 90        | 1           | 1                 | 1            | 1                              | 1                                                                           | -         | -              | Early Mature | Fair             | Fair     | Estimated / average measurements.                                                                                                                                                                        | Remove to facilitate development                                                    | 10+ Years  | C2           | 5        | 1                       | Yes             |                                    |                             |  |  |  |
| T01                     | Tree                                    | Cherry plum 'Pissardi'                        | <i>Prunus cerasifera</i> 'Pissardi'                                                  | 5     | 260       | 1           | 2                 | 2            | 2                              | 2                                                                           | 2         | 2              | Mature       | Fair             | Fair     | None                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Remove to facilitate development                                                    | 10+ Years  | C2           | 28       | 3                       | Yes             |                                    |                             |  |  |  |
| T02                     | Tree                                    | Cherry plum 'Pissardi'                        | <i>Prunus cerasifera</i> 'Pissardi'                                                  | 5     | 250       | 1           | 2                 | 2            | 2                              | 2                                                                           | 2         | 2              | Mature       | Fair             | Poor     | Fungus:<br><i>Phellinus tuberculosus</i>                                                                                                                                                                 | Remove to facilitate development                                                    | 10+ Years  | C2           | 28       | 3                       | Yes             |                                    |                             |  |  |  |
| T03                     | Tree                                    | Cherry plum 'Pissardi'                        | <i>Prunus cerasifera</i> 'Pissardi'                                                  | 5     | 250       | 1           | 2                 | 2            | 2                              | 2                                                                           | 2         | 2              | Mature       | Fair             | Poor     | Fungus:<br><i>Phellinus tuberculosus</i>                                                                                                                                                                 | Remove to facilitate development                                                    | 10+ Years  | C2           | 28       | 3                       | Yes             |                                    |                             |  |  |  |
| T04                     | Tree                                    | Ash                                           | <i>Fraxinus sp.</i>                                                                  | 10    | 500       | 1           | 4                 | 4            | 4                              | 4                                                                           | 2         | 2              | Mature       | Fair             | Fair     | Ivy preventing full inspection.<br>Estimated / average measurements.<br>Estimated DBH due to access/ivy.                                                                                                 | During construction:<br>Protect trees with protective barriers - as shown on plans. | 10+ Years  | C2           | 113      | 6                       | No              |                                    |                             |  |  |  |
| T05                     | Tree                                    | Ash                                           | <i>Fraxinus sp.</i>                                                                  | 9     | 430       | 1           | 4                 | 4            | 4                              | 4                                                                           | 2         | 2              | Mature       | Fair             | Fair     | Unlikely to be impacted by proposal                                                                                                                                                                      | During construction:<br>Protect trees with protective barriers - as shown on plans. | 10+ Years  | C2           | 82       | 5                       | No              |                                    |                             |  |  |  |
| T06                     | Tree                                    | Willow                                        | <i>Salix sp.</i>                                                                     | 11    | 700       | 1           | 5                 | 5            | 5                              | 5                                                                           | 1         | 1              | Mature       | Fair             | Fair     | Unlikely to be impacted by proposal                                                                                                                                                                      | During construction:<br>Protect trees with protective barriers - as shown on plans. | 10+ Years  | C2           | 222      | 8                       | No              |                                    |                             |  |  |  |
| T07                     | Tree                                    | Willow                                        | <i>Salix sp.</i>                                                                     | 11    | 700       | 1           | 5                 | 5            | 5                              | 5                                                                           | 1         | 1              | Mature       | Poor             | Poor     | Decling condition                                                                                                                                                                                        | During construction:<br>Protect trees with protective barriers - as shown on plans. | <10 Years  | U            | 222      | 8                       | No              |                                    |                             |  |  |  |
| T08                     | Tree                                    | Silver birch                                  | <i>Betula pendula</i>                                                                | 17    | 430       | 1           | 4                 | 4            | 4                              | 4                                                                           | 2         | 2              | Mature       | Fair             | Fair     | Ivy preventing full inspection.<br>Existing Hard standing in RPA.<br>Existing Building in RPA.<br>Level changes or gradients in RPA.                                                                     | Controlled demolition and removal of existing surfacing to be undertaken with care. | 20+ Years  | B2           | 82       | 5                       | No              |                                    |                             |  |  |  |





**Appendix 7 Tree Protection Plan**

**Legend:**

- Category A Trees / Groups
- Category B Trees / Groups
- Category C Trees / Groups
- Root Protection Area (RPA) Radial / Area
- Tree Protection Fencing - Static or Heavy construction
- Construction Exclusion Zone (Area required to protect canopy & roots of retained trees)
- Permanent ground protection & No Dig Construction to Protect roots of retained trees
- Controlled Demolition Required

**Title Block:**

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### CellWeb™

Tree Root Protection System



**The CellWeb™ TRP cellular confinement system protects tree roots from the damaging effects of compaction and desiccation, while creating a stable, load-bearing surface for vehicular traffic.**

CellWeb™ offers an alternative to the traditional methods of constructing roadways and building foundations that involve excavation, which can result in tree root severance and soil compaction from the passage of vehicles. Such damage can severely influence tree health, and in extreme cases leads to death. CellWeb™ can be sensitively installed close to and under the canopies of trees without negative effects.

Trees are valuable landscape features and a vital environmental resource. Increasingly, contractors are being required to ensure the health and survival of trees during and beyond the construction period. Although this is enshrined in BS 5837: Trees in Relation to Construction: Recommendations (2005) and Tree Preservation Order legislation, it presents several issues when implementing construction projects near to trees:

- Root severance caused by excavation, leaving trees open to decay, less stable and with a diminished capacity to utilise soil water and nutrients.
- Destruction of soil structure and compaction due to the passage of heavy vehicles, restricting the flow of water and air to tree roots.
- Need for construction access, new roadways and hard surfaces that require engineering-standard load-bearing foundations that meet building regulations.
- Need for high-performance, cost-effective driveways and roadways in the vicinity of tree roots.



Potential loss of existing tree due to poor construction techniques.

The CellWeb™ system overcomes these issues and helps contractors to comply with tree health guidelines by creating a load-bearing base that is water-permeable, stable and durable.

With no need for excavation, the system is quick and easy to install, reducing construction time and saving costs and making it suitable for temporary and permanent solutions.



Glynebourne Wood.

Pedestrian path to recreational wood and built using a CellWeb™ foundation which was covered with DuoBlock and then filled with woodchip to create a porous surface.

# Product features



CellWeb™ comprises an expandable cellular mattress that is then filled with a clean stone sub-base and above a Treetex T300 Geotextile.

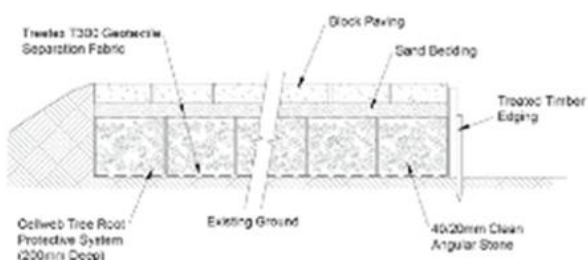
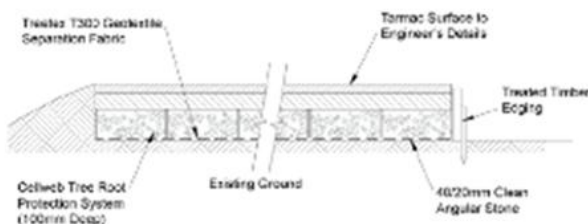
The honeycomb-like structure is made of robust high-density polyethylene (HDPE) that is simply stretched out and filled with clean angular material. Just like traditional roadways, the strength of the structure comes from the binding together of the infill, but with CellWeb™ this is achieved without compaction and without reduction in permeability.

Perforated cell walls allow the angular infill to bind with the contents of the adjacent cell, but with sufficient space for the movement of water and air to nearby tree roots. As the infill contains no fines and the geotextile layers prevent clogging from particles washing into the system, the structure remains permeable to water over time and protects the roots for the lifetime of the tree.

As well as being quick and easy to install, CellWeb™ also dramatically cuts down the depth of sub-base required, in most cases by as much as 50%, further reducing costs. CellWeb™ significantly reduces surface rutting, increasing the long-term performance of the finished surface and ensuring that tree roots remain protected from vertical loads.

CellWeb can be used as a permanent solution or alternatively the system can be used in a temporary situation. In a temporary application the system can be used for the required period of time, then removed for use on another site or recycled, thereby adding to CellWeb's green credentials.

- No excavation – Soil structure remains undisturbed; risk of root damage minimised.
- Porous infill – Allows tree roots to conduct moisture and gas exchange.
- No compaction – No need to compact the infill to achieve a load-bearing structure.
- Lateral stability – Structure remains rigid to vertical loads.



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## Appendix 9: Authors Qualifications and Experience.

- 15.1. This report has been prepared by Shaun Phillips.
- 15.2. I have 30 years' arboricultural experience working in both the private and public sector. I have undertaken work on a variety of projects on behalf of local authorities, private and commercial clients.
- 15.3. I have a Post Graduate Certificate in Management Studies, a HND in Arboriculture and Urban Woodland Management and a ND in Countryside and Environmental Studies. I am also qualified as a tree risk assessor for the International Society of Arboriculture's Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ).
- 15.4. I am a Professional member of the Arboricultural Association, and the Institute of Chartered Foresters. In accordance with the professional standards of both associations, I undertake regular Continuing Professional Development (CPD) in all areas of arboriculture as well as in wider business administration and other related disciplines.

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