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06/11/2024	Original Report	Issued	BS5837:2012 Tree Survey Report
24/04/2026	Addendum 01	Updated	Update to original report confirming no material changes to site, recorded tree stock, tree condition, BS5837 categorisation or arboricultural constraints
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1. Introduction

This Arboricultural Method Statement and Tree Protection Plan has been prepared in relation to the proposed 49 bedroom hotel, new access, car parking and facilities at Forest Hill Golf and Country Club.

The purpose of this document is to set out the site-specific methods and protection measures required to safeguard retained trees, tree groups, hedgerows and woodland during construction. It responds to the Tree Officer request for an Arboricultural Method Statement and Tree Protection Plan. It is not intended to replace the original BS5837:2012 Tree Survey Report or Addendum 01, which remain the primary arboricultural survey and constraints documents.

1.1 Aspects dealt with within this Method Statement

- Availability of the AMS and TPP to site personnel and contractors.
- Supervision and monitoring requirements.
- Protection of W1, G1, G3, H2-H3, retained parts of H1, T1, T2 and G2, and controlled removal / replanting of approximately 40m of H1.
- Sequence of arboricultural events before, during and after construction.
- Methodology for site access, storage, clearance, protective fencing, ground protection, surfacing, utilities, reserved landscaping details and works near retained trees.
- Tree Protection Plan drawing and typical protective barrier / ground protection details.

1.2 Aspects not dealt with within this Method Statement

This document does not assess subsidence, heave, foundation depth or the water demand of trees. Those matters should be addressed by the structural engineer or geotechnical designer where required. This document does not provide a separate updated tree condition survey and relies on the original BS5837 report and April 2026 Addendum for the tree baseline.

2. Background Information

2.1 Documents referenced

Document / drawing	Reference / date	Purpose within this AMS/TPP
BS5837:2012 Tree Survey Report	Elite Ecology, 06/11/2024	Primary tree survey, categorisation, constraints and protection recommendations.
Addendum 01 to BS5837:2012 Tree Survey Report	Elite Ecology, 24/04/2026	Confirms no material change to site, tree stock, tree condition, BS5837 categorisation or constraints.
Planning application drawings	Application 25/00819/OUT	Current proposed layout, access, parking and

Document / drawing	Reference / date	Purpose within this AMS/TPP
		development envelope.
Tree Protection Plan	FHGC-TPP-01, June 2026	Shows required retained features, protective fencing, Construction Exclusion Zones, no-dig / buffer areas and construction access principles.

2.2 Names and contact numbers of parties concerned

The table below identifies the parties responsible for implementation and monitoring of this AMS and TPP. Contractor details shall be confirmed before commencement.

Contact Name / Organisation	Role	Contact details
David Daniels	Planning coordination / applicant representative	danielsdavidj@aol.com
Forest Hill Golf Club	Applicant	John Nixon
Design Team	Architectural / planning drawings	MAC
Appointed Arboricultural Consultant	Arboricultural supervision, monitoring and sign-off	Elite Ecology
Principal Contractor	Implementation of AMS and TPP	TBC
Site Manager	Daily compliance and site induction	TBC
Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council Tree Officer	Local Planning Authority arboricultural consultee	simon.green@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk

2.3 Availability of Arboricultural Method Statement

The Site Manager and Principal Contractor will each hold a copy of this AMS and TPP. Copies will be made available to all subcontractors working at the site. The tree protection requirements shall form part of the site induction and shall be retained with the site management documents.

2.4 Arboricultural position for the submitted layout

No tree or woodland removal is proposed or relied upon by this AMS and TPP. However, approximately 40 metres of H1, equating to approximately 50% of that hedgerow, is proposed to be removed to accommodate construction of the hotel and reinstated adjacent to the car park as indicated on the submitted H1 hedgerow removal and reinstatement constraints drawing. The submitted layout otherwise retains W1, G1, G3, H2-H3, the retained parts of H1, T1, T2 and G2. The principal arboricultural risk relates to construction activity close to W1, G1 and retained boundary vegetation, together with the controlled removal / replanting of the affected section of H1. Subject to the implementation of the protective fencing, Construction Exclusion Zones, no-dig / buffer areas, hedgerow replanting methodology, storage restrictions and arboricultural supervision set out in this AMS and TPP, the retained arboricultural features can be safeguarded during construction.

3. Supervision and Monitoring

3.1 Monitoring and supervision

Arboricultural supervisory works and monitoring visits must be confirmed by formal written records circulated to the relevant parties. These records will provide evidence of compliance with the approved AMS and TPP.

Stage	Arboricultural input required	Record required
Pre-commencement meeting	Confirm fencing positions, CEZs, access route, storage areas and any ground protection.	Meeting note / site inspection record.
Installation of protective barriers	Check location, specification and robustness of fencing and ground protection.	Written sign-off before works commence.
Works near retained trees / hedgerows / W1	Supervise any works close to RPAs, CEZs, no-dig areas or retained vegetation.	Site visit record with photographs where appropriate.
Completion of main works	Inspect retained trees and confirm whether protective measures can be removed.	Completion / close-out record.

3.2 Site management

All tree protection measures detailed in this document must be fully understood by all parties involved in the development. It is the Site Manager's responsibility to ensure that the requirements are known and implemented by all site personnel.

The following points shall be explained to all personnel who may have an impact on trees:

- The specification and location of protective barriers.
- The requirement for protective barriers to remain in place throughout the works.
- The importance of Construction Exclusion Zones around retained trees, hedgerows and woodland.

- The potential damage caused by compaction, excavation, level changes, contamination and service trenching.
- The requirement to report any breach or accidental damage immediately.

4. Schedule of Tree Work

4.1 Retained features requiring protection

Reference	Feature Type	Description / status	Protection requirement
W1	Woodland	Category A mixed species woodland. Principal arboricultural feature adjacent to the site.	Protect by BS5837 fencing to the development-facing edge and maintain as a Construction Exclusion Zone.
G1a / G1b	Tree group	Leyland cypress / retained conifer screen adjacent to the proposal area.	Retain and protect. Maintain 2m no-dig / soft or permeable buffer unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority following advice from the Arboricultural Consultant.
G3	Tree group / mixed hedgerow feature	Mixed boundary vegetation including English oak, common ash, field maple and common hawthorn.	Retain and protect by fencing or buffer. No access, storage or excavation within the protected buffer unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.
H1	Hedgerow	Hawthorn hedgerow / boundary vegetation. Approximately 40m, equating to approximately 50% of H1, to be removed to accommodate construction of the hotel and reinstated adjacent to the car park as indicated on the submitted H1 hedgerow removal and reinstatement constraints drawing.	Controlled removal and reinstatement using a hedgerow translocation / lift-and-replant methodology under arboricultural / ecological supervision. Retained parts of H1 to be protected with a 2m buffer unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.
T1	Individual tree	Crack willow.	Retain and protect in accordance with the TPP.
T2	Individual tree	Field maple.	Retain and protect in accordance with the TPP.
G2	Tree group	Leyland cypress / retained group.	Retain and protect as part of the boundary vegetation strategy.
H2 and H3	Hedgerows	Retained hawthorn hedgerows / boundary vegetation.	Maintain 2m buffer unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority following advice from the Arboricultural Consultant. No excavation or storage within buffer.

For avoidance of doubt, no construction activity, storage, access, excavation, level changes, service trenching, fires, cement washout, material mixing or plant movement shall take place within the W1 Construction Exclusion Zone.

4.2 Tree works to be carried out prior to installation of Protective Barriers

No tree or woodland removal is proposed or relied upon by this AMS and TPP. The April 2026 Addendum confirms that no additional tree works or removals are recommended. The exception is the proposed removal and reinstatement of approximately 40 metres of H1, required to accommodate construction of the hotel. This H1 hedgerow work shall be undertaken using a controlled hedgerow translocation / lift-and-replant methodology and reinstated adjacent to the car park as indicated on the submitted constraints drawing. Any further pruning, access facilitation or safety works subsequently required shall be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority and undertaken by a suitably qualified arboricultural contractor before construction works commence or under arboricultural supervision as appropriate.

Tree / group	Species / feature	Works required
W1	Mixed species woodland	Retain and protect. No works proposed.
G1a / G1b	Leyland cypress / conifer screen	Retain and protect. No works proposed unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority following advice from the Arboricultural Consultant.
G3	Mixed vegetation group	Retain and protect. No works proposed unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority following advice from the Arboricultural Consultant.
H1	Hawthorn hedgerow	Approximately 40m of H1 to be removed to accommodate construction of the hotel and reinstated adjacent to the car park using a controlled hedgerow translocation / lift-and-replant methodology under arboricultural / ecological supervision.

Tree / group	Species / feature	Works required
T1 / T2 / G2	Retained trees / group	Retain and protect. No works proposed unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority following advice from the Arboricultural Consultant.
H2-H3	Retained hedgerows	Retain and protect. No works proposed unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority following advice from the Arboricultural Consultant.

5. Sequence of Events

The table below sets out the sequence of events as they relate to retained trees, hedgerows and woodland. The sequence shall be followed unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority and appointed Arboricultural Consultant.

Sequence	Brief outline of events	Arboricultural input required
1	Pre-commencement meeting with Site Manager, Principal Contractor and Arboricultural Consultant to confirm fencing, CEZs, no-dig/buffer areas, access and storage locations.	Yes - pre-commencement meeting and written record.
2	Carry out any agreed tree works, if subsequently required.	Yes - where tree works are required.
3	Install protective barriers, Construction Exclusion Zones and any temporary ground protection as shown on the TPP.	Yes – Arboricultural inspection and sign off before construction activity starts.
4	Establish construction access, compound, welfare and material storage areas outside RPAs and CEZs.	Yes - check against the TPP.
5	Undertake site clearance, enabling works and construction activity in accordance with this AMS.	Periodic monitoring.
6	Install services, drainage, SuDS and surfacing outside RPAs and CEZs unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority following advice from the Arboricultural Consultant.	Yes - Arboricultural Supervision where works are close to retained features.
7	Undertake hard and soft reserved landscaping details near retained trees and hedgerows.	Yes - review methodology and Arboricultural Supervision where required.
8	Final inspection of retained trees and written confirmation before removal of protective barriers.	Yes - Arboricultural completion inspection.
2A	Remove and replant approximately 40m of H1 using the controlled hedgerow translocation / lift-and-replant methodology. Replant adjacent to the car park as indicated on the submitted H1 hedgerow removal and reinstatement constraints drawing.	Yes - arboricultural / ecological supervision and written record.

6. Methodology of Works around Retained Trees

6.1 General site access

Construction access shall be via the existing access until the new access is constructed. Access routes shall remain outside Construction Exclusion Zones and shall not encroach into retained woodland, hedgerow buffers or RPAs unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority following advice from the Arboricultural Consultant and subject to appropriate ground protection.

6.2 General site storage and containment

Temporary machinery, materials, welfare and storage areas shall be established outside RPAs and Construction Exclusion Zones. No plant, materials, spoil, fuel, chemicals, cement washout or waste shall be stored within the RPAs of retained trees, retained hedgerow buffers or W1. Storage areas shall be securely contained and, where necessary, surfaced or protected to prevent contamination of soils.

Should there be any contamination of soils either within or adjacent to the RPA these should be dealt with as quickly as possible with a proprietary emergency clean up kit. The situation should then be assessed as to whether it is appropriate to remove soils. An Arboriculturist should be consulted before a decision is made. The protection barriers erected should be able to be removed relatively easily to access the area in event of an emergency.

6.3 Cranes and lifting equipment

All lifting equipment, including cranes, excavator booms and other plant fitted with lifting attachments, shall be positioned and operated to avoid contact with retained trees, canopies, protective fencing and RPAs. A banksman shall supervise lifting operations close to trees and retained vegetation.

6.4 Site clearance

1. A pre-commencement meeting shall be held before clearance works start.
2. No vegetation clearance shall take place within W1, G1, G3, H2-H3, retained parts of H1, T1, T2 or G2 unless agreed in writing. The permitted exception is the controlled removal and reinstatement of approximately 40 metres of H1 to accommodate construction of the hotel, which shall be undertaken in accordance with Section 6.4A.
3. Where vegetation clearance close to retained trees is agreed, it shall be undertaken in a controlled manner to avoid damage to stems, crowns and roots.
4. No stump removal by excavation shall take place within RPAs unless expressly agreed and supervised.
5. Arisings shall be removed from protected areas without tracking machinery over unprotected ground within RPAs.
6. H1 hedgerow removal (part) and reinstatement methodology

The receiving area adjacent to the car park shall be prepared in advance for the hedgerow reinstatement. The reinstated hedgerow shall be firmed-in, watered and protected from construction activity. The reinstated section shall be maintained as part of the arboricultural mitigation and hedgerow aftercare requirements. Any failed sections shall be replaced with equivalent native hedgerow planting, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority. This hedgerow reinstatement is proposed as arboricultural mitigation and does not seek to fix or pre-determine the reserved landscaping details.

6.5 Installation of protective barriers and ground protection

Protective barriers shall be installed before commencement of construction activity. The required protection locations are shown on the Tree Protection Plan. Fencing shall be set out on site in accordance with the TPP and checked by the Arboricultural Consultant before construction activity starts. Fencing shall remain in place until completion of the main construction phase and shall only be removed with the agreement of the appointed Arboricultural Consultant and, where required, the Local Planning Authority.

6.6 Construction of new structures adjacent to retained trees and woodland

The proposed hotel, parking and access works shall be constructed from within the approved development envelope and outside the identified Construction Exclusion Zones. The exception is the controlled removal and reinstatement of approximately 40 metres of H1 required to accommodate construction of the hotel. No construction activity, storage, access, excavation, level changes, service trenching, fires, cement washout, material mixing or foundation works shall take place within W1 or the W1 Construction Exclusion Zone. Where works are close to G1, G3, H2-H3, retained parts of H1 or individual retained trees, the Site Manager shall agree the working method with the Arboricultural Consultant before commencement.

6.7 Surfacing, no-dig and permeable construction

Where new surfacing is proposed close to retained trees or vegetation, the design shall avoid excavation and soil compaction unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority. No-dig or minimal-dig construction shall be used where required by the TPP or Arboricultural Consultant. New surfaces close to retained vegetation shall remain permeable and unsealed where required by the TPP, or unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority, to maintain soil porosity and avoid root dehydration.

6.8 Utilities, drainage and SuDS

New services and drainage routes shall be located outside RPAs and CEZs unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority following advice from the Arboricultural Consultant. If trenching within or close to an RPA cannot be avoided, the Arboricultural Consultant shall review the proposed route and methodology before works commence. Works shall follow NJUG Volume 4 guidance for utility apparatus in proximity to trees.

6.9 Soft reserved landscaping details within RPAs and hedgerow buffers

Grass or arboricultural mitigation and hedgerow aftercare within RPAs shall be by minimal soil disturbance.

Existing soil levels within RPAs shall not be raised or lowered unless agreed.

Hedge or shrub planting within RPAs shall use hand-dug pits only and locations shall remain flexible to avoid significant roots.

Mechanical cultivation shall not take place within RPAs or hedgerow buffers.

6.10 New fencing within RPAs

1. Fence posts within the RPAs of retained trees shall, where possible, be installed using a no-dig product, such as Met-Post, that requires no excavation. Where a no-dig approach cannot be achieved, the alternative method shall be agreed with the Arboricultural Consultant before works start.
2. If a no-dig solution is not practical trial hole investigations will be conducted at each proposed fence post installation, located within the RPA of a retained tree. Excavation will be conducted using an airspade and/or hand tools to the depth of the intended post-hole installation to check whether significant roots (>25mm dia.) or significant root masses are present.
3. Final location of the fence posts will need to be flexible to allow significant roots and significant root masses to be avoided and retained.
4. Roots (<25mm dia.) encountered will be pruned back with a sharp tool leaving as small a wound as possible or if pliable, eased over to allow space for the post. Where possible roots that require removal will be pruned back to a suitable growth point.
5. If conditions dictate that the fence posts are to be 'concreted in' to stabilise, the fence post holes must be first lined with heavy-duty polythene to prevent curing cement from leaching into surrounding soils.

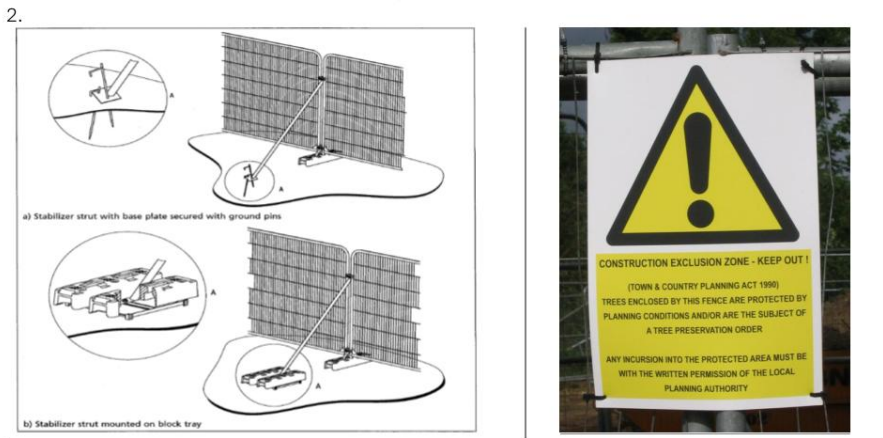
7. Tree Protection Plan

The following Tree Protection Plan sets out the required tree protection principles and protection zones for the submitted planning layout and shall be read alongside the current application layout and the original BS5837 survey information. Figure 1 is to be read as the Tree Protection Plan for the submitted layout. The fencing shown shall be installed before works commence, with final peg-out checked on site by the Arboricultural Consultant.

8. Protective Barriers

Before the commencement of works on site, protective vertical barriers must be erected in the locations shown on the Tree Protection Plan. The barriers are to exclude construction activity from RPAs, retained woodland, hedgerow buffers and Construction Exclusion Zones.

The barriers should be fit for the purpose of excluding construction activity. At this site, two-metre-tall welded mesh or solid panels on concrete feet are considered appropriate. Panels should be joined using anti-tamper couplers and supported by stabiliser struts. Warning notices stating “Construction Exclusion Zone - Keep Out” shall be fixed to the fencing.



Typical BS5837 protective barrier detail.

Example protective barrier warning sign.

9. Installation of Ground Protection

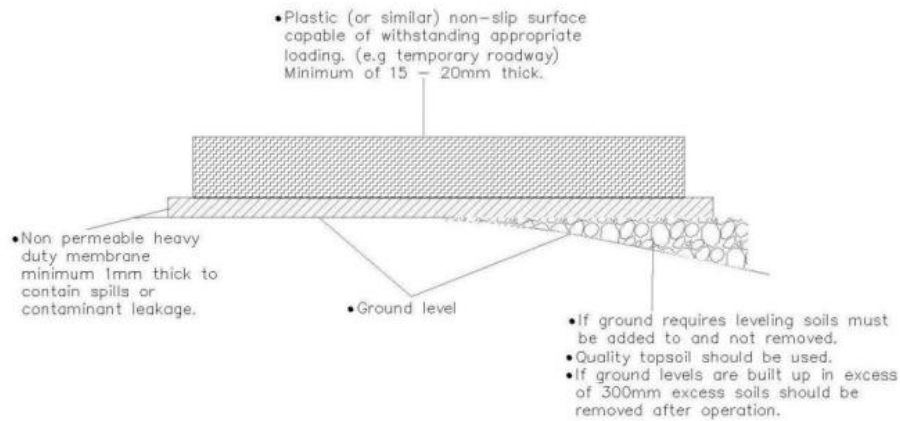
Ground protection shall be installed in areas indicated on the TPP or otherwise required by the Arboricultural Consultant. The specification shall reflect the level of use and loading.

9.1 Pedestrian and pedestrian-operated machinery up to a gross weight of 2 tonnes

Lay an impermeable geotextile matting directly onto the soft ground, followed by a 150mm layer of compressible material such as woodchip, capped with interlinked plywood sheets or proprietary ground protection boards.

9.2 Machinery in excess of 2 tonnes gross weight

The area shall be protected by the laying of an impermeable membrane onto the site surface. Any levelling off of the ground surface prior to laying the impervious membrane surface shall be made using soil or aggregate infill of hollows to build up to a general site level; no excavation or grading of surfaces will be allowed. Onto this base shall be laid a geotextile pocketed mat, in-filled with inert coarse aggregate to a depth of 150 millimetres, spread and levelled to form a wearing surface. Proprietary interlinking ground protection boards can then be installed.



Typical ground protection build-up.



Figure 3 – Example of 'Ground Guard'

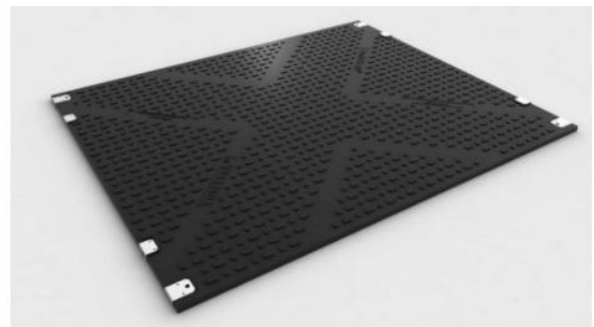


Figure 4 – Example of TuffTrack

Typical proprietary ground protection boards / examples.

10. Utility Service Provision

Where conditions allow, existing utility services should be adopted and utilised for the new development. Where new trenches are required, they are to be located outside the RPAs of retained trees and outside W1 / CEZ areas.

If trenching within the RPA of a retained tree cannot be avoided, arboricultural advice must be sought before works start. Installation of new trenches for services, including water, sewerage, electricity, telecoms and drainage, must be conducted in accordance with National Joint Utilities Group Volume 4 guidance for the planning, installation and maintenance of utility apparatus in proximity to trees.

11. Limitations of Arboricultural Method Statement and Tree Protection Plan

- This AMS and TPP is based on information available at the time of preparation, including the original BS5837:2012 Tree Survey Report, Addendum 01 and current planning application drawings.
- This document does not supersede the original tree survey or Addendum 01 unless expressly stated.
- The AMS and TPP should be reviewed if the site layout, construction method, levels, drainage, service routes or tree condition materially change.
- Trees are living organisms and may change due to weather, disease, failure, site activity or other factors outside the control of this document.

12. Conclusion

This AMS and TPP sets out the protection and working methods required to safeguard the retained trees, hedgerows and Category A woodland W1 during the proposed development. The controls shall be implemented before construction begins and retained until the appointed Arboricultural Consultant confirms that they can be removed.

The key protection principles are: retain and protect W1, G1, G3, H1-H3, (except as noted herein) T1, T2 and G2; install BS5837 protective fencing and Construction Exclusion Zones before works commence; avoid excavation, level changes, service trenching and storage within RPAs and CEZs; use no-dig/permeable surfacing where required; and maintain arboricultural supervision at key stages

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