

**Old Beech Farm
Cuckfield**

Part 2

**Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS)
and Tree Protection Plan
- BS5837:2012**

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1. Terms of Reference

Bioregional Forestry Ltd was commissioned by Chris Husband, to produce an Arboricultural Method Statement and Tree Protection Plan for the proposed construction of a new swimming pool and associated out-building.

The report has been produced in accordance with British Standard 5837:2012 Trees in Relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations, and is based upon an original topographic site survey supplied by Laser Surveys Ltd.

This report is intended to be read in conjunction with Part 1, The Tree Report, May 2026. Together, they form the overall Arboricultural Report for the specific area of land. Details of RPAs, Tree Categorisation and Tree Details can all be found in Part 1.

2. Arboricultural Impact Assessment

One tree is required to be removed for the proposed development (tree #1982).

The RPA of tree #0954, a semi-mature oak, is likely to be very minimally infringed by the creation of the proposed swimming pool.

Protective fencing will be required to protect the tree RPAs during the construction phase – see section 3.3 below and the AMS Site Map, which shows the exact positioning required (fencing shown as a dark blue line).

3. Arboricultural Method Statement

3.1 Roles and Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of all contractors and sub-contractors involved in the project to be aware of this method statement and to use it when setting out the site and carrying out any operations in the vicinity of retained trees.

Please refer to the Site Plan detailed later in this report for positioning of Tree Protection Barriers and Construction Exclusion Zones - coloured dark blue.

Prior to the commencement of works, all site personnel should be briefed by the Site Manager or appointed Consultant on the importance of the retained trees and the significance, rules and restrictions around protective measures implemented.

All minutes from these 'Toolbox Talks' should be retained by the Site Manager for future reference.

3.2 Timings and order of operations

Operations on the development site related to trees should commence in the following order to ensure that retained trees receive an appropriate level of protection from potentially harmful activities.

Monitoring will take place throughout these stages and be recorded by the Site Manager and/or the Project Arboriculturalist.

1. Removal of tree #1982.
2. Installation of Tree Protection Barriers to establish Construction Exclusion Zones and materials storage area(s);
3. Construction of the swimming pool and associated out-building;
4. Removal of protective barriers

3.3 Setting out of Barriers and Construction Exclusion Zone – refer to Site Plan

The precise required location of the barriers can be seen on the accompanying Site Plan.

Tree protection barriers should be supplied and erected in accordance with chapter 6.2.2 of BS5837:2012. This states that the default specification for protective fencing should comprise a scaffold framework with vertical tubes at maximum 3m intervals secured firmly into the ground and fixed with weldmesh panels, as set out in figure 3, in Appendices.

In this case however, a simple Heras fencing set-up, with rubber/concrete feet and the appropriate signage, will be adequate.

The barriers should be fitted with all-weather notices containing the words **“Construction Exclusion Zone – No Access”**.

It is not anticipated that there will be any need to access the CEZ during the construction phase.

If access is required for any reason then this should be discussed with the Project Arboriculturalist and the client.

3.4 Tree Roots and RPA Incursion – refer to Site Plan

Due to the construction of the swimming pool, the RPA of tree #0954 will be infringed by approximately 5%.

This incursion is small enough that it is not considered that it will be detrimental to the health of the tree and is, therefore, acceptable, providing that certain procedures are followed :

1. The excavation of soil in this area is limited only to that required for construction of the pool, as specified on the site plan, and is not exceeded.
2. The first 500mm of excavation must be performed by using hand tools only, with some topsoil retained for re-instatement.
3. Should any roots be found within this excavation, they **MUST** be cut back by sharp pruning saw or secateurs, leaving a 'clean wound'.
4. Following root cutting, the ends of the roots must be wrapped in damp hessian sacking that should be retained as damp, until re-covering with the appropriate retained soil.
5. No self-setting cement should be used within the RPA of the tree, unless it is fully protected by plastic sheeting. This is to prevent roots coming in to contact with the lime element of the material as this is poisonous to tree roots.

3.5 Prohibited Activities

Care must be taken when planning site operations to ensure that all materials are stored outside of the Construction Exclusion Zones.

Any transit or transverse of plant in close proximity to the retained trees should be conducted under the supervision of a banksman to ensure that adequate clearance from trees is maintained at all times.

The Project Arboriculturalist should be consulted prior to any otherwise not approved operations, within or access to, the Construction Exclusion Zones.

3.6 Monitoring

Due to the sensitive nature of the trees on site and the need for protective measures, it is a requirement of BS5837:2012 that activities related to, or in the vicinity of, retained trees are monitored by a competent Arboriculturalist, referred to in this report as the Project Arboriculturalist. Key operations requiring monitoring are as follows :

1. Installation of Tree Protection Fencing;
2. Post development monitoring visit (see 3.8 below)

3.7 Incident procedure

In the instance of any problems on site or incidences affecting and/or causing harm to retained trees, the Project Arboriculturalist should be consulted at the earliest opportunity to provide advice about rectifying issues. Any such occurrences should be recorded in an auditable incident register.

3.8 Post Development

It is recommended that following completion of the development, a monitoring visit is carried out by the Project Arboriculturalist in order to carry out a thorough assessment of the retained trees and any remedial works that may be required as a result of changes to the site and the potential indirect effects of construction.

3.9 Removal of Tree #1982 - mitigation

To mitigate the loss of the semi-mature cherry tree to facilitate the proposed development, it is recommended that at least three 'feathered' fruit trees are planted elsewhere on site, preferably other *Prunus*.

By planting younger trees properly and with the appropriate after-care, establishment should be quicker than planting standard trees and they are more likely to survive in the longer term.

3.9.1 Best practice tree planting and after-care

To ensure that the planted trees survive and thrive, it is recommended that the following steps are followed :

1. The hole for each tree to be planted should be three times wider than the root ball of the planting and dug to the same depth.
2. The root ball of the trees should be soaked in water at least 30 minutes before planting and any pot bound roots teased apart.
3. The tree should be placed in the centre of the hole, ensuring that the top of the root ball is at ground level and that the trunk flare is visible.
4. The original soil should be used to back-fill around the sides of the root-ball, gently tamping down the soil to remove air-pockets.
5. A layer of mulch should be applied around the base of the new tree to help retain moisture and to suppress weeds.
6. Finally, the tree should be staked with a suitably sized tree stake and rubber tie.

Aftercare :

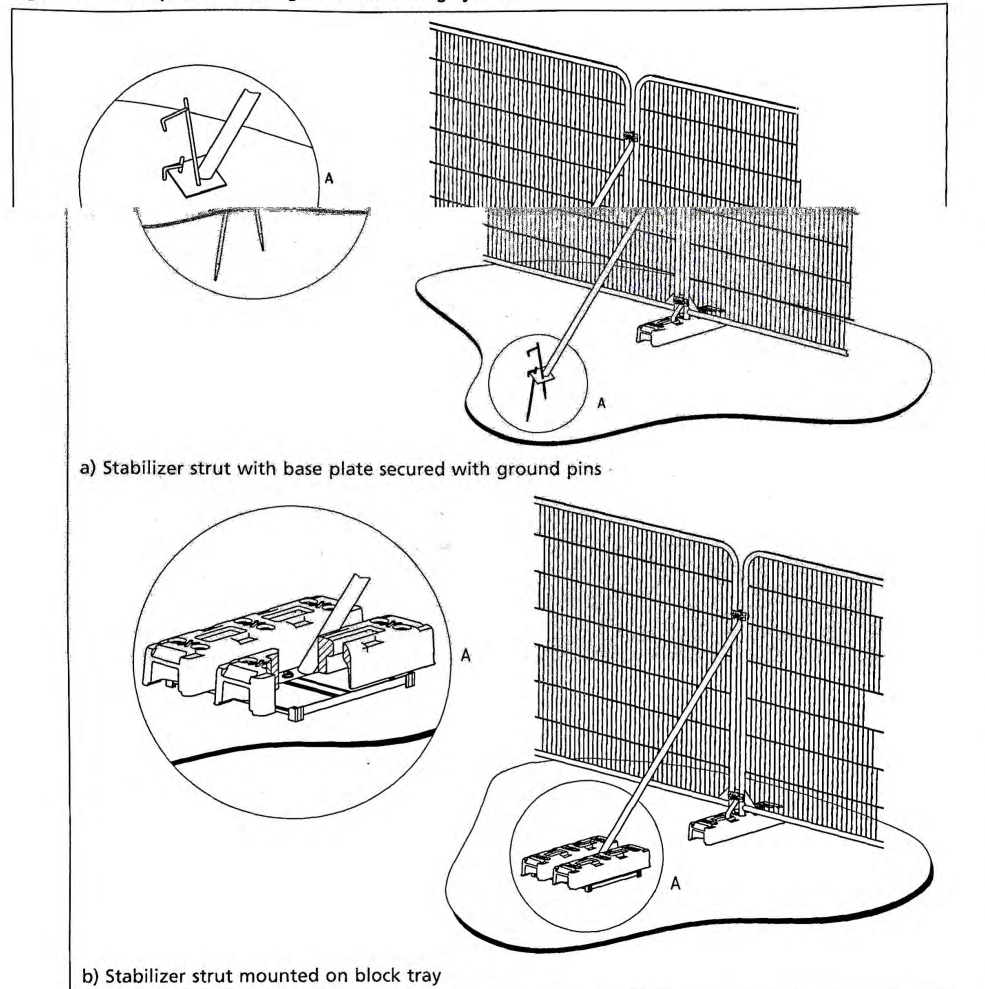
1. The trees should be watered regularly during their first growing season, especially during dry spells.
2. A weed-free zone should be maintained to at least 1 metre from the base of the trees, to prevent competition for moisture and nutrients.

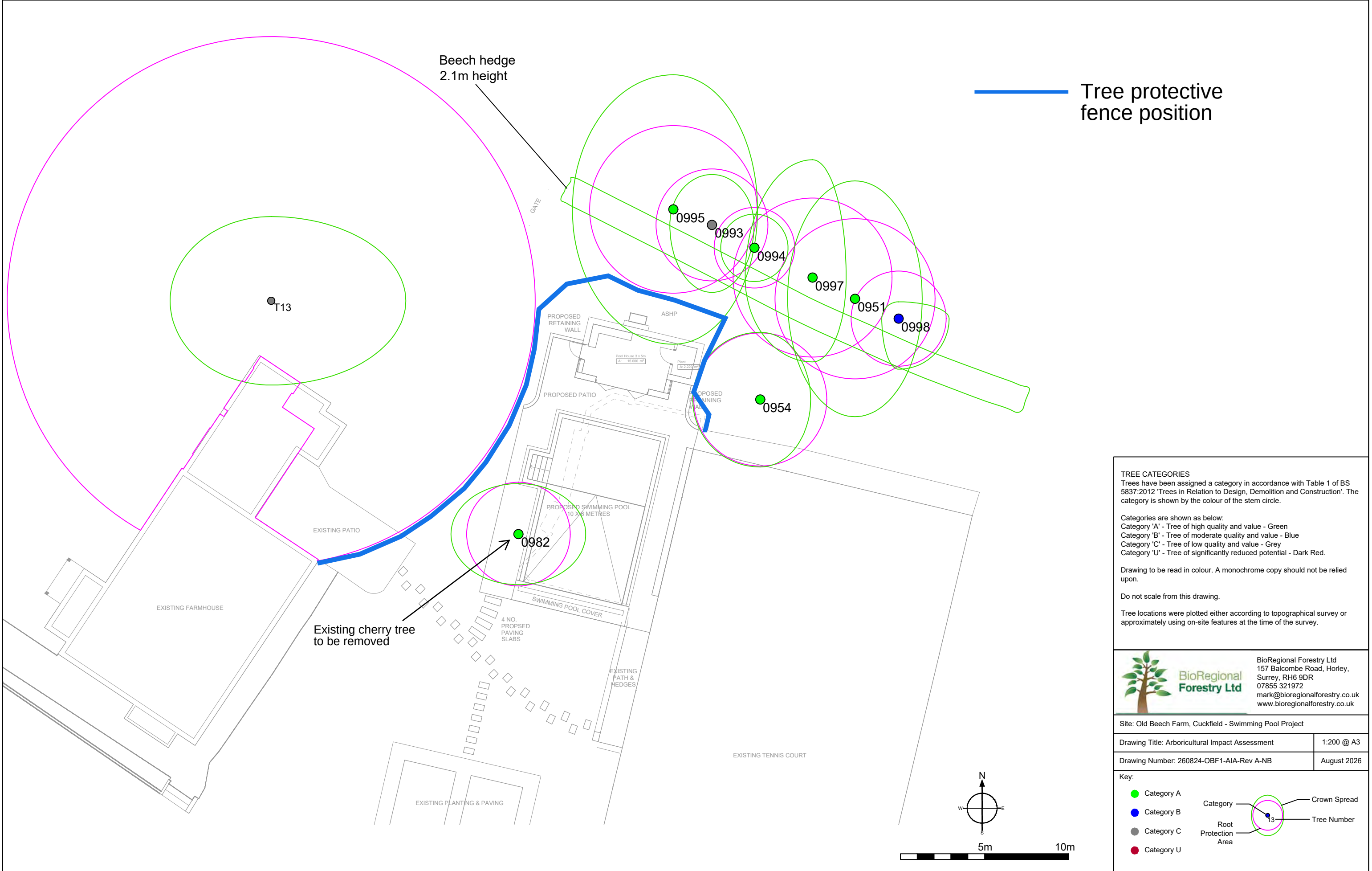
3. Once the trees have anchored and the root systems have successfully established (usually after 2-3 years), tree stakes and ties can be removed. This will allow the trunks and root systems to develop their own strength.

Appendices (below) :

- Figure 3: Protective fencing for creation of the Construction Exclusion Zone (CEZ)
- Site Plan : showing site boundaries, Tree Protection Methods and locations thereof .

Figure 3 Examples of above-ground stabilizing systems





TREE CATEGORIES
Trees have been assigned a category in accordance with Table 1 of BS 5837:2012 'Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction'. The category is shown by the colour of the stem circle.

Categories are shown as below:
Category 'A' - Tree of high quality and value - Green
Category 'B' - Tree of moderate quality and value - Blue
Category 'C' - Tree of low quality and value - Grey
Category 'U' - Tree of significantly reduced potential - Dark Red.

Drawing to be read in colour. A monochrome copy should not be relied upon.

Do not scale from this drawing.

Tree locations were plotted either according to topographical survey or approximately using on-site features at the time of the survey.



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Key:

● Category A

● Category B

● Category C

● Category U

Category

Root Protection Area

Crown Spread

Tree Number