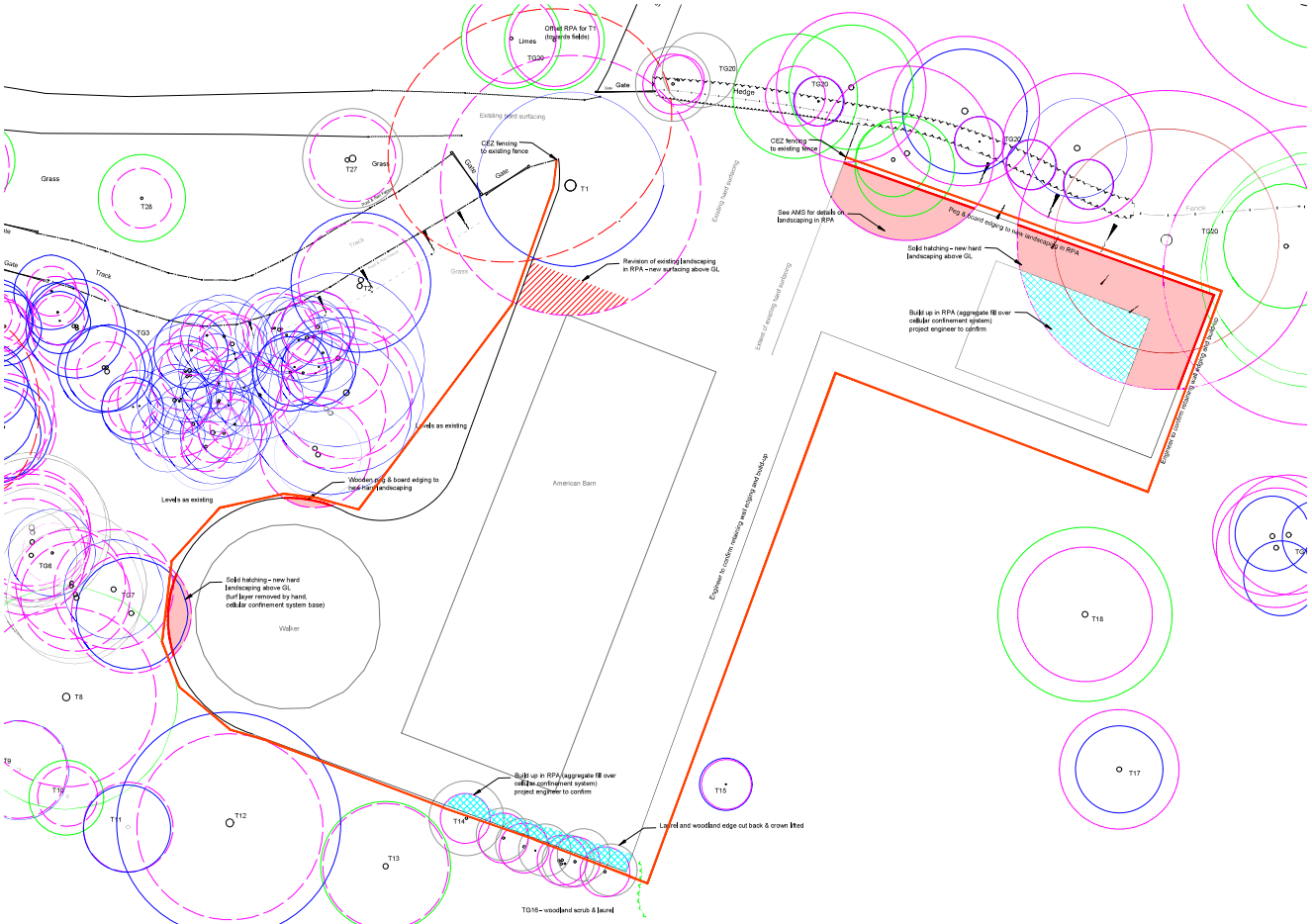


ARBORICULTURAL METHOD STATEMENT

Chronology

1) Pre-commencement meeting between project manager, contractor/s, project arborist (ACoW) and Local Planning Authority's tree officer.

2) Tree pruning. Installation of barrier fencing tree protection measures (solid orange line).

3) Site clearance and removal of existing arena. Removal of waste from site.

4) ACoW to attend site and confirm tree protection measures are as described and fit for purpose.

5) Construction, with arboricultural monitoring of project where required.

6) Once construction is complete, ACoW to confirm tree protection measures can be removed to allow soft landscaping.

Pre-commencement meeting and monitoring
Prior to the installation of tree protection measures, there must be a pre commencement meeting between the site contractor, project manager, ACoW and Local Planning Authority's tree officer to discuss phasing of works and tree protection measures. The tree officer will be given enough notice to attend should he so wish. At this meeting, arrangements will be made for the ACoW to revisit the site periodically to check on tree protection measures, monitor compliance and supervise any works as necessary. Details of this meeting must be sent to the Local Planning Authority for their own records.

Tree pruning
Crown reduce T1 1m on south/south-western canopy edges closest to arena. Cut back and crown lift (to no more than 3m) laurel and woodland edge TG16. All works undertaken in accordance with BS 3998:2010.

Tree protection fencing
ORANGE LINE – represents the position of exclusion fencing. This will be 1.8m x 3m weld-mesh panels unless otherwise agreed in writing. This fencing is necessary to ensure that no construction waste or materials are stored within this area, and tree roots are not harmed either by compaction or through leaching of materials.
Weld-mesh fencing materials will be affected by industry availability but must follow the specifications as described within Fig.1 of the tree protection plan. Any deviation from this specification shall be previously agreed by the project arborist and approved by the local planning authority. Signs will be fixed to the hoarding to reinforce the principle of exclusion, and maintenance of these barriers shall form part of the site induction process.
Tree protection fencing will be maintained as fit for purpose throughout the project and no site materials, plant or waste shall be stored within these areas. Fencing must not be moved or adjusted at any point to allow access for the storage of materials etc. The contracts manager shall satisfy his/herself that the induction process for all site personnel shall include a briefing on tree protection measures and the need to ensure these measures are maintained as fit for purpose throughout the project.
Fencing to be fixed to existing post and rail fencing. This will be via ratchet straps or cable ties. The exact position and finish of fencing edging will be determined at the pre-commencement meeting.
If accidental damage to fencing occurs, works within that area must stop until tree protection measures are repaired to the original specification, This must be within 24 hours, however if this is not possible then the project arborist will be contacted for advice. At no point will works commence within or adjacent to the RPA of retained trees where tree protection measures are damaged.

Removal of existing arena and site clearance
The existing arena and arena fencing will be removed and waste shall be removed from site and not stored within the RPA of retained trees.
The existing hard landscaping shall remain in place throughout, and access shall be via the existing access road network.
Details and position of storage shall be confirmed at the pre-commencement meeting and agreed with the Local Planning Authority. It is intended that the proposed building be of lightweight/pre-fabricated or timber construction. In which case, there should be limited need for long-term storage on-site. Where storage is necessary, materials should be stored outside the RPA of retained trees. In all cases spill kits will be present on site and cleaning up of spills shall form part of site induction processes.

Monitoring
Following completion of demolition there will be site visit by the ACoW to ensure protection measures remain as described on the tree protection plan, Once the ACoW has confirmed these measures remain acceptable, construction can begin.
The ACoW will revisit the site periodically throughout the construction project to check on tree protection measures, monitor compliance and supervise any works as necessary. Details of these site visits shall be sent to the council's tree officer for their own records. It is expected that monitoring will be monthly, throughout the duration of the project. The Local Planning Authority's tree officer will be notified in advance of these site visits and given the opportunity to attend if they consider this necessary. Following each visit, the ACoW shall update the Local Planning Authority on the progress of construction and the integrity of tree protection measures.

Construction
SOLID RED HATCHING – represents the area where there will be new hard landscaping in the RPA of retained trees. In order for this to occur with minimal disruption to tree roots the following construction methods shall apply.
- Grass/turf layer removed using hand tools only.
- Cellular confinement system laid over geotextile membrane on uncompacted (raked) ground. System shall be filled with washed aggregates acting as a non-compactable sub-base for the wearing course above.
- Permeable wearing course laid on top.

At this stage of the project, it is expected that there will be no excavations within the solid hatched areas. Any changes to this schedule will be determined at the pre-commencement meeting and agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

RED LINE-HATCHING
Represents the area where the existing hard surfacing will be revised to accommodate the new wearing course. Changes in the existing aggregate layer shall be undertaken by hand, using hand tools only. It is expected that there will be no need to excavate beyond the existing sub-base layer. Final details of levels will be addressed as part of the pre-commencement meeting and all changes will be communicated to and agreed in writing with the local planning authority.

CYAN CROSS-HATCHING
Represents the area where ground levels will need to build up within the RPA. In order for this to be achieved with minimal harm to roots beneath the surface, the build-up levels will need to be permeable and a cellular confinement system base will be laid as the sub-base layer. Details of the cellular confinement system installation can be found above, The project engineer shall advise on retention and edging measures at the pre-commencement meeting.
At no point in the cyan hatched areas shall there be excavations into the RPA of retained trees. Only the grass layer shall be removed, and this shall only be removed by hand tools.

If tree roots are found at any point during the installation of cellular confinement systems, the ACoW shall be contacted for advice. The contractor shall allow for the ACoW to return to site to supervise any works where exposed tree roots are present and no works shall continue until the ACoW has returned to site to inspect the roots and advise.

No service connections are expected within the RPA of retained trees.

All materials will be stored outside the RPA of retained trees.

Existing hard surfacing will remain in the parking and access road to act as ground protection.

If conflict arises with the tree protection plan work must be stopped and the ACoW contacted for advice on 07400600678. Work must not proceed until the matter has been resolved with the ACoW and the council's tree officer advised of any changes. Should any conflict arise with the construction method statement, the details within this tree protection plan shall take priority.

Completion
Once construction is complete and the ACoW will visit the site to confirm if tree protection measures can be removed.

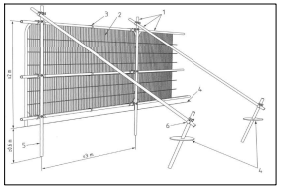


Fig.1. Weld-mesh tree protection fencing (orange line)
Purpose: To create an exclusion zone around exposed areas of the RPA. Fencing shall prevent all construction access.
Specification shall be as follows:
1) Scaffold framework
2) Heras or similar weld mesh panels 3m x 1.8m or similar approved, bound to framework with cable ties
3) Anti-tamper couplers between panels min. 1m apart and 2 per panel join
4) Ground level - fencing shall not allow gaps for access
5) Supporting struts to be impact resistant wherever possible

Fencing shall fix to existing timber fencing via cable-ties or ratchet straps to create a secure and complete barrier.





Contractor to be responsible for producing and fixing signage to all exclusion zone fencing, signage must be clear, durable and displayed in a format and language understood by all site personnel.



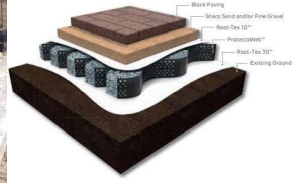


Fig.2. Cellular confinement system base (red solid & cyan cross-hatching)
Purpose: To create a compaction free sub-base for new landscaping and level changes in the RPA. Specification shall be as follows:
1) Grass layer removed
2) Soil raked, not compacted, geotextile membrane laid
3) Cellular confinement system (Terram or CellWeb e.g.) laid and filled with aggregate, DO NOT COMPACT
4) Geotextile membrane laid
5) Sand layer for wearing course base & wearing course on top
6) In the case of level changes, aggregate fill to required level. Engineer to advise on edge supports, but in the case of surface hard landscaping this shall be wood peg & board and not concrete haunching

Final specification of edging to be confirmed by project engineer at pre-commencement meeting.

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