

Arboricultural Method Statement

This method statement is a working document which aims to provide effective specifications for tree-sensitive operations and thus to minimise impacts on retained trees. It must be retained on site and be available to the site manager/foreman as a reference during construction.

If any changes are made to the proposed development or any of the working methods are found to be impracticable, then the method statement must be reviewed in consultation with the project arboriculturist.

This method statement may include work to protected trees, consent for which is not required so far as such work is necessary to implement a planning permission.

Failure to comply with this arboricultural method statement could result in enforcement action being taken by the local planning authority.

Tree Surgery

The following work to trees is necessary:

- T1 - Prune to give 2m clearance from proposed building

The above work should be carried out by qualified arboricultural contractors working according to industry best practice and in accordance with BS 3998:2010 'Tree work - Recommendations'. All tree management work must take account of the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981, as amended by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, and the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017. This legislation makes it a criminal offence to disturb the nests and to injure or kill nesting birds or bats.

Tree Protection Fencing

Tree protection fencing, complying with British Standard 5837:2012 'Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations', must be erected in the position shown on the plan prior to commencement of work on site and remain as an effective barrier and in position until the end of the construction phase or until the project arboriculturist, or local planning authority provides written authority for its removal.

See illustration below for fencing specification.

Temporary Ground Protection

Prior to the commencement of any work on the site temporary ground protection must be laid in the area shown on the plan. Here, ground protection must consist of inter-linked ground protection boards placed on top of a compression-resistant layer (e.g. 150 mm depth of woodchip), laid onto a geotextile membrane. The woodchip must be retained with timber edging to prevent migration during use. This protection must remain in position until the end of the construction phase or until the project arboriculturist, or local planning authority provides written authority for its removal.

Note - The above specification is only suitable for construction machinery up to 2 tonnes in weight. This area must not be used by larger machinery or by delivery or contractors' vehicles.

See illustration below for ground protection specification.

Pre-Commencement Site Meeting

A pre-commencement site meeting must be held at which the site manager, the project arboriculturist and, if required by condition, a representative from the local planning authority are present to discuss the tree protection measures.

Demolition of Existing Building

The existing building must be demolished using 'top down, pull-back' techniques, ensuring that no debris is collapsed onto open ground within the root protection area.

The foundation slab must be broken up using a pneumatic drill and the pieces removed using a digger fitted with a toothless bucket. The digger must not be stationed on open ground within tree root protection areas. This operation must be supervised by the project arboriculturist.

Excavation for Foundations

The rear part of the proposed building should if practicable be constructed using a pad and beam foundation, with the beam set at or above existing ground level, in order to minimise excavation within the RPA of T1.

Within the upper 600mm of the soil profile, all excavation within the RPA of T1 must be carried out carefully by hand. Below this depth, if no significant roots are encountered, a mini excavator with toothless bucket may be used.

Any roots that are encountered must be cleanly cut back to 50mm beyond the area of disturbance using a suitable sharp hand tool (e.g. bypass secateurs or handsaw). The project arboriculturist must be consulted before pruning any roots of diameter greater than 25mm.

Foundation trenches and pad holes must be lined with heavy-duty polythene sheeting prior to backfilling to prevent any direct contact between roots and chemicals that could affect tree health.

General Construction Management

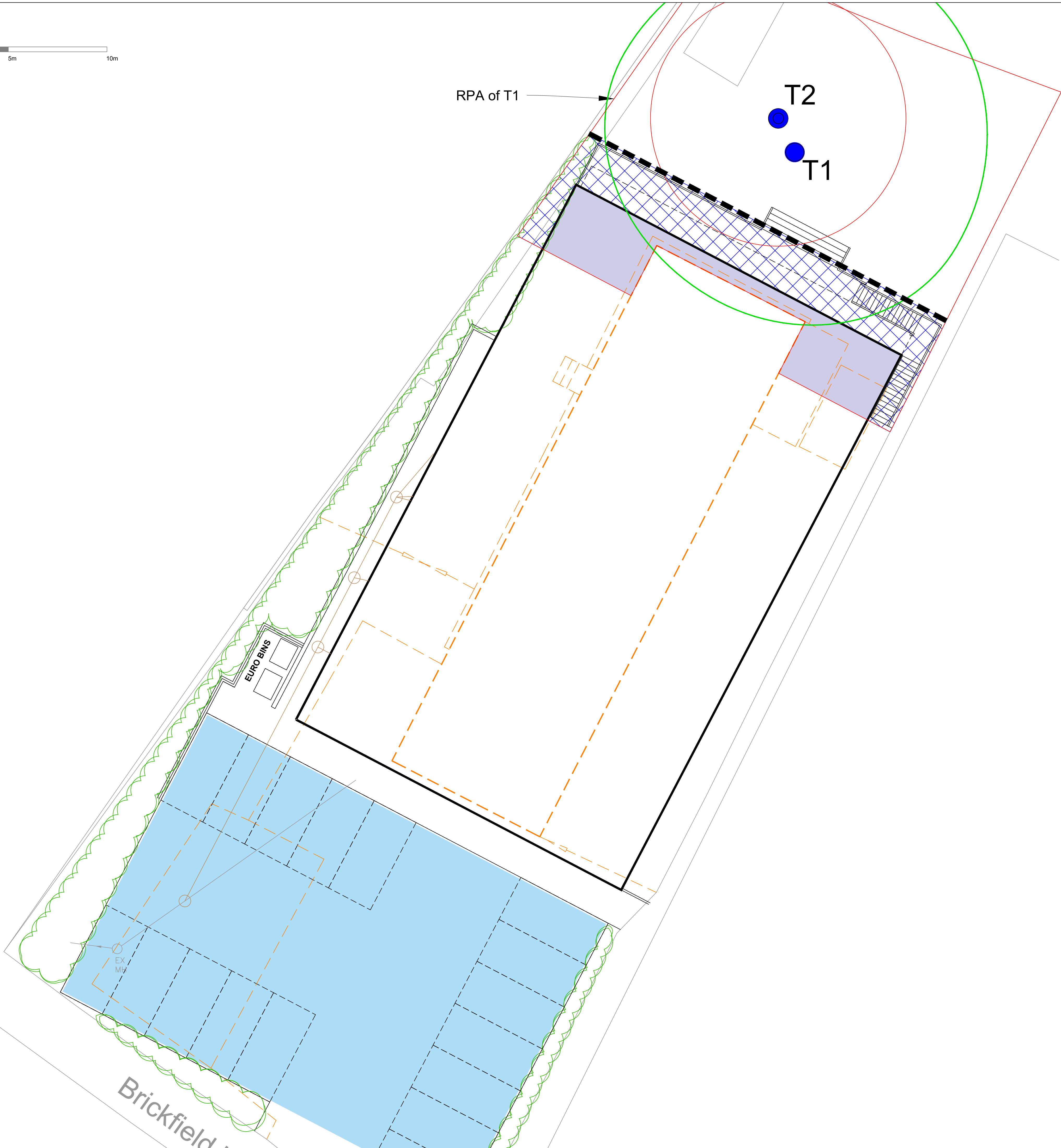
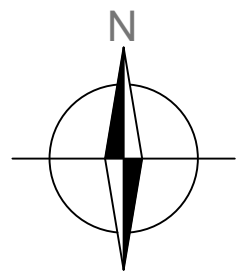
There must be no changes to soil levels within tree root protection areas.

A suggested area for material storage, site office and worker facilities is shown on the plan. Final siting of site cabins must be discussed and agreed at the time of the pre-commencement site meeting.

Fires must not be set within the site.

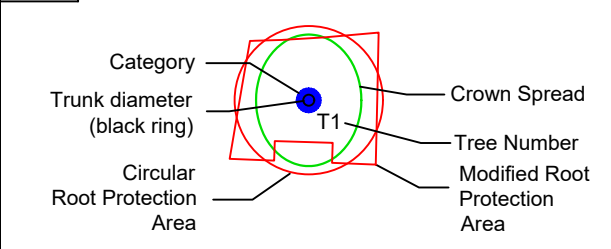
Cement and concrete mixing must be carried out only where there is no significant risk of contamination of tree root systems. If mixing is unavoidable within 10m of any retained tree it must be contained in a bunded area, as illustrated below.

Cranes must only be used where there is no possibility of them damaging overhanging branches.



Plan TC1

Title:	Tree Protection Plan & Arboricultural Method Statement
Site:	Scout Hut, Brickfield Lane
TC Ref:	DS/61526/AC
Date:	9 June 2026
Scale:	1:100 @ A1
Key:	



British Standard 5837:2012 Categories	
●	'A' category trees are those of high quality.
●	'B' category trees are those of moderate quality.
●	'C' category trees are those of low quality or young trees with a stem diameter below 150mm.
●	'U' category trees are those that are unsuitable for retention.

Existing features to be retained.	
Existing features to be removed.	
Proposed features.	
Tree protection fencing to be erected prior to the commencement of any works on the site.	
Temporary ground protection to be installed prior to the commencement of any works on the site.	
Area where excavation must be carried out in accordance with method statement.	
Suggested area for materials storage and worker facilities.	

Supervision of Arboriculturally Sensitive Operations

The project arboriculturist must supervise or be involved at the following points in the construction process:

Pre-commencement site meeting.
Excavation within tree root protection areas.
Planning of underground services.
As any other arboricultural issues arise.

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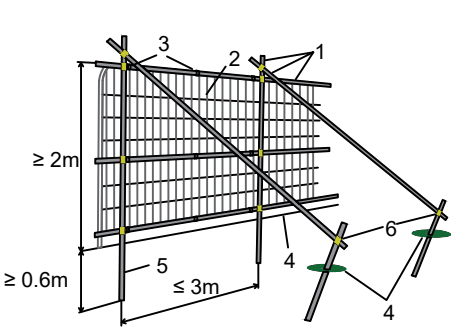
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Tree Protection Fencing Specification



- Key:
- Standard scaffold poles.
 - Heavy gauge 2m tall galvanized tube and welded mesh infill panels.
 - Panels secured to uprights and cross-members with wire ties.
 - Ground level.
 - Uprights driven into the ground until secure (minimum depth 0.6m).
 - Standard scaffold clamps.

Temporary Ground Protection Specification

