

Tree Works Application

Tree 41



**Highwood Construction
Limited**



Former Moorhill



Site:
Moorhill Road, West End, Eastleigh,
SO30 3AZ



Ref:
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JFA0289

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ARBORICULTURAL REPORT Tree Works Application Tree 41

Client: Highwood Construction Ltd

Site: Former Moorhill, Moorhill Road, West End

Arboricultural Consultant: James Fuller *FdSc.Arb, BTEC Nat.Dip.Arb*

Date: April 2024

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In October 2022, Highwood Homes Limited submitted a planning application for a 70-bed care home (Use Class C2); associated access, parking, landscaping, sustainable drainage, electricity sub-station, other structures and works; following demolition and clearance of the existing site at the Former Moorhill, Moorhill Road, West End.
- 1.2 In August 2023, Eastleigh Borough Council granted conditional consent for the proposed works. Works have commenced on site and construction works are progressing well.
- 1.3 Tree 41 was indicatively plotted as part of the Tree Survey for the site. The topographical survey didn't identify the tree and due to dense vegetation and the presence of two fences this tree was incorrectly plotted.
- 1.4 Since the removal of the vegetation as part of the approved planning consent and the removal of the existing close board fence, it has become apparent that Tree 41 is actually located within the Moorhill site and not on the neighbouring Southern Water Site as previously thought.
- 1.5 Tree 41 is now located half in the approved footpath that will provide pedestrian access to the Moorhill site.
- 1.6 Tree 41 is located within the Area Tree Preservation Order (TPO) that covers the majority of the Moorhill site.
- 1.7 James Fuller Arboriculture has been instructed to provide the necessary information to Eastleigh Borough Council to get Tree 41 removed.

2.0 DETAILS

- 2.1 James Fuller Arboriculture carried out a site inspection on the 4th April 2024. The site inspection allowed James Fuller Arboriculture to assess Tree 41, the approved footpath works and the impact of tree removal.
- 2.2 The approved footpath cuts through the base of Tree 41 and the tree will need to be removed to facilitate the approved planning consent. This tree was thought to be located within the neighbouring Southern Water site and not under the control of Highwood.

2.3 Table 1: Tree Removal

Tree Number	Tree Species	Category	Reason for Removal
41	Sweet Chestnut	C	Located within the site and heavily impacted by approved footpath

2.4 **Photograph 1:** A view of Tree 41 from Moorhill Road



2.5 Tree 41 is heavily distorted due to the previous group pressure it was under. The neighbouring trees have been removed, which has resulted in making the distorted trunk and crown more obvious. Tree 41 was always going to be under pressure from the works required to carry out the approved planning consent. Tree 41 has also been subject to further off-site damage. Plant machinery has been tracked through the RPA leaving compacted ground and standing water. These works were undertaken as part of the neighbouring Southern Water site.

2.6 **Photograph 2:** A view of the neighbouring site directly next to the base of Tree 41

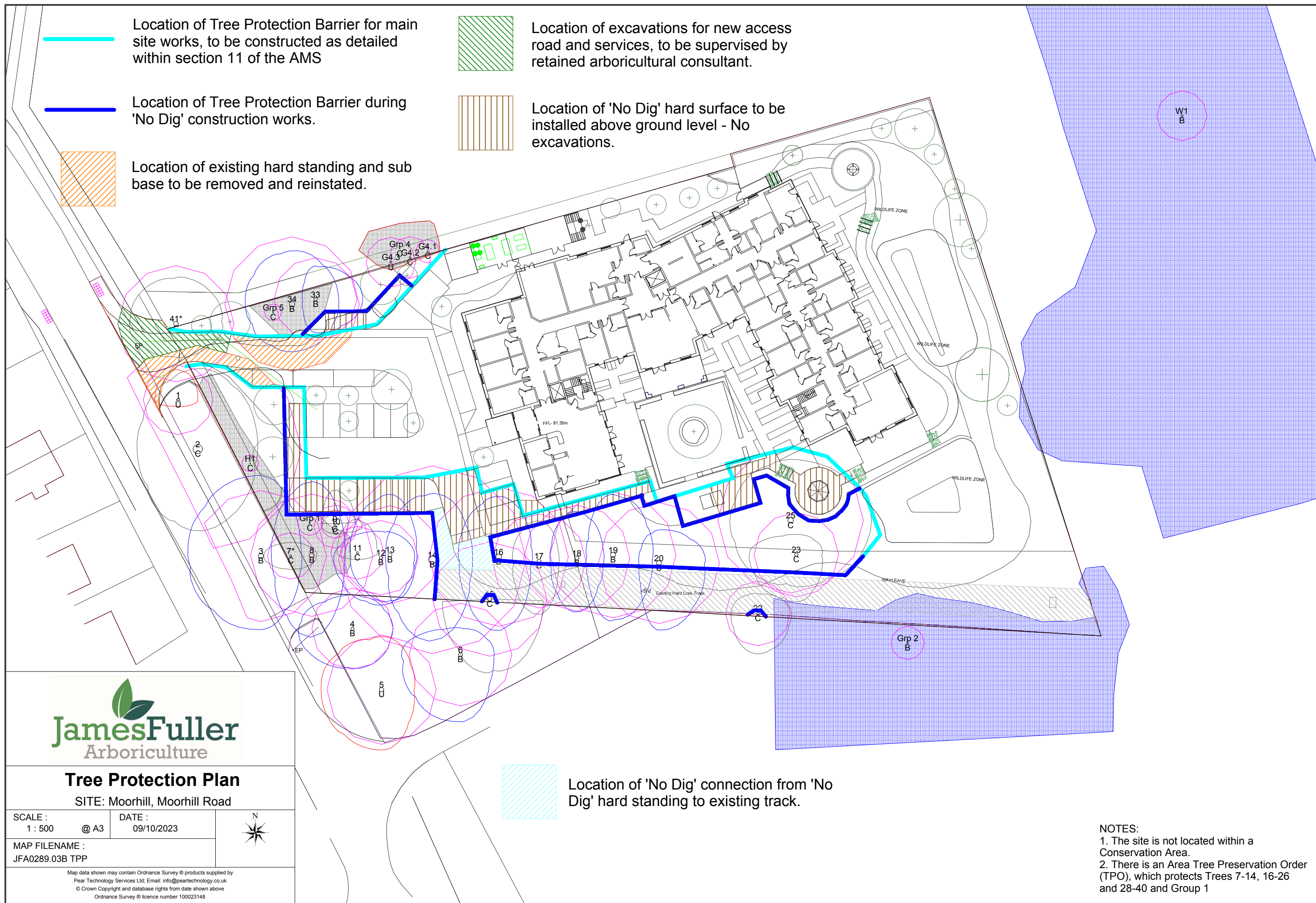


- 2.7 Mitigation planting will be provided and will be in line with Eastleigh Borough Councils Tree Replacement Policy. Tree 41 was categorised as a 'C' grade tree as part of the Tree Survey. This means that 1 (one) new tree will be required to meet the policy requirements. The tree will be planted at 14-16cm girth.

3.0 CONCLUSIONS

- 3.1 The proposed tree works have been assessed by a qualified and experienced arboricultural consultant. Tree 41 needs to be removed to facilitate the approved planning consent.
- 3.2 It is thought that in time the new tree planting will replace and provide a better-quality long term arboricultural feature.





	TREE WORKS SCHEDULE			
	Client:	Highwood Homes Limited	Site:	Former Moorhill, Moorhill Road, West End
	Date:	April 2024	Consultant:	James Fuller <i>FdSc Arb BTEC Nat.Dip Arb</i>

Tree No.	Species	Recommended Works
41	Sweet Chestnut	Remove

- All tree works are advised to be carried out between July and September or November and February. Tree works should also avoid the season for nesting birds.
- All tree works should be carried out in accordance with current best practice guidelines and BS3998 – Tree Works. Only natural target pruning method to be used.



Qualifications of James Fuller

James Fuller, has over 17 years experience within the field of Arboriculture and has attained a Foundation Degree in Arboriculture (FDSc Arb.) and a BTEC National Diploma in Forestry & Arboriculture (BTEC Nat.Dip. Forestry & Arb.).

James is also a Professional Member of the Arboricultural Association (MArborA) and has successfully completed the Professional Tree Inspector's, Capital Asset Value for Amenity Trees (CAVAT), Quantified Tree Risk Assessment (QTRA) and Visual Tree Assessment (VTA) Courses.

James previously worked as an Arboricultural Consultant, providing professional advice in relation to trees for one of the leading arboricultural consultancy practices in the country. As part of this role James was instrumental in providing clients with advice from the initial Tree Survey through to site completion and sign off.

James has experience of working on a variety of sites throughout the UK, from individual Visual Tree Assessments (VTA) to large development sites (BS5837: 2012) with 1'000s of trees.

James is now building an ever-growing portfolio of private clients whilst providing consultancy advice to local arboricultural companies and their clients.