

Method Statement - Tree Protection

Safeguarding Improvements
at The Cowplain School



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1.00 Introduction

This document has been prepared to support the planning application for a proposed safeguarding improvements and resurfacing scheme at The Cowplain School, Havant.

This Tree Protection Statement / Arboricultural Assessment is to be read in conjunction with the following drawings prepared by Kendall Kingscott:

180787 1100 - Site Location Plan
180787 1200 - Existing Plan
180787 1300 - Existing Elevation
180787 1400 - Proposed Plan
180787 1500 - Proposed Elevation

2.00 Site Conditions

Adaptions to the internal road layout will require minor excavation / resurfacing locally within the site. As a result, there are a small number of trees within this vicinity; though all are expected to remain in place.

Subsequently there is a need to implement suitable control measures to protect the existing trees and shrubs throughout the development and continue to represent visual amenity in the future.

The following Method Statement has therefore been prepared to ensure that construction work does not damage trees close to the development. The document itself is considered a working document and further consultation with the appointed Case Officer and/or Tree Officer is required to agree an acceptable approach.

3.00 Method Statement Guidelines

This Method Statement recommends all development within influencing distance of trees is carried out in accordance with BS587:2012 Guide For Trees in Relation To Construction.

The Contractor will agree to undertake tree protection to the standard advised in this Method Statement. Every contractor on site will receive a copy of the statement and abide by it's contents once an acceptable approach is agreed with the Tree Officer.

4.00 Method Statement

- 4.01 The recommendations in BS587:2012 must be complied with at all times.
- 4.02 No pruning, lopping, felling or severance of roots is to take place without prior consent of the Local Authority (where applicable).
- 4.03 Any works to the existing tress (though at present, no work is anticipated) is to be carried out by a fully qualified tree surgeon in accordance with BS 3998:2010 Recommendations for Tree Work.

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- 4.04 All new fence posts requiring excavation are to be agreed with the Local Authority prior to site works commencing.
 - 4.05 Under no circumstances must any materials be stored under the canopy of existing trees.
 - 4.06 The levels around existing trees must not be raised or reduced.
 - 4.07 The work as detailed in this Method Statement shall be under the supervision of the appointed Tree Officer and/or Case Officer, together with the Architect and Main Contractor. Full liaison between parties will be undertaken at all stages of the work to ensure the construction process is compliant with all statutory requirements.
 - 4.08 An exclusion zone, i.e the Root Protection Area is to be agreed with the Tree Officer and/or Case Officer prior to construction work commencing.
 - 4.09 The Root Protection Areas are designed to protect the functional minimum of tree root mass in order to ensure that the trees survive the construction process.
 - 4.10 It is the responsibility of everyone engaged in the construction process to observe the tree protection measures and implement the necessary precautions.
 - 4.11 No mechanical excavation is to take place within the Root Protection Area.
 - 4.12 Depth of excavation zone within the Root Protection Area shall not exceed 100mm in any instance unless approved.
 - 4.13 All tree roots will be exposed and located by hand within the Root Protection Area. Tree roots of 20mm diameter and found within this zone are to be retained, undamaged.
 - 4.14 A suitable geoweb/membrane shall be installed in the Root Protection Area if deemed appropriate by the appointed Tree Officer and/or Case Officer. Item to be discussed prior to the construction process.