

ABORICULTURAL METHOD STATEMENT

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

PLANNING APPLICATION – CAR PORT

Site Address: 11 A Langstone Road, Havant PO9 1RA

Applicant: Mr and Mrs Darville

Proposed Development: Construction of Timber Car Port

Scope of Works: Excavate a 450mm x 450mm x 600mm deep hole to form a concrete pad on each of the 4 corners. Construct new timber car port supported on concrete pads.

Aboricultural Assessment: Since the new car port is within the vicinity of a Horse Chestnut Tree subject to TPO 0880, it is necessary to ensure that no damage is caused to the trunk, branches or root of the tree during or after construction works.

Method Statement:

- 1) **Pre-Construction Works** – The tree crown canopy will be raised to 4m in accordance with previous HBC approval Application Number: 10/692/002.
- 2) **Protection of Tree During Works** –The trunk of the tree will fenced off during construction works. No materials will be stored near or adjacent to the tree at any time during the works. All site deliveries and collections will be carried out from the highway and driveway to ensure that no damage is caused to the canopy of the tree during loading / unloading.
- 3) **Excavation** – In order to prevent tree / root damage, all excavation work will be carried out carefully using hand tools only.
- 4) **Foundations** – In order to prevent tree / root damage, the foundations will consist of materials that are not harmful to the tree or roots.
- 5) **Possible Exposure of Roots During Excavation** - In the event that roots are exposed during excavation, whilst careful hand digging will prevent damage, consideration will be given to allow sufficient free space for future root growth. If a root is found to be running directly within the foundation hole, the location of the hole will be moved to one side allowing a minimum of 100mm clearance from the root. The foundation hole locations can be flexible as the design can also provide for a cantilever support where required.
- 6) **Site Management** – A designated site manager will be on site at all times to ensure that the requirements of this method statement are fully complied with at all times.
- 7) **Risk** – Providing the works are carried out in accordance with this method statement, there is no risk of damage to the tree whatsoever.