

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 with 1.8m high protective fencing and the front boundary wall 1.8m high. No materials will be stored under, near or adjacent to the tree at any time during the works. All site works, deliveries and collections will carried out from the highway and driveway to ensure that no damage is caused to the tree trunk, roots or canopy of the tree during the works or loading / unloading.
- 3) **Excavation** – The nearest pad excavation is approximately 5m form the base of the tree trunk. 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 concrete 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 and can be excavated away from the corner positions as the design will also provide for a support beam to extended or cantilevered to the corner if required.
- 6) **Site Management** – A designated site manger will be on site at all times to ensure that the requirements of this method statement are fully complied with at all times. Close liaison will be maintained at all times with HBC Tree Officer.
- 7) **Risk** – Providing the works are carried out in accordance with this method statement, there is no risk of damage to the tree whatsoever.