

Tree Protection Method Statement

29 Warblington Avenue, Havant, Hampshire, PO9 2SD

There are two trees on this property with TPO's attached to them. T1 on the block plan is a Monterey Pine and T2 is a Cypress. The Cypress is not anywhere near the proposed development or construction path. T1 is on the front boundary within 2m of the drive and therefore at risk of being damaged. There is also a low hanging branch across the drive but this would not be touched by standard size vans and cars.

Most of the tree is surrounded by thick shrubbery but one area on the boarder of the drive is open therefore this area must be fenced off to enclose the tree and prevent access closer than the drive edge. The barrier should be robust and consist of scaffold vertical and horizontal framework with vertical tubes spaced at a maximum of 3m. Onto this weld mesh panels should be securely fixed with wire or scaffold clamps.

If a vehicle is tall enough to touch and therefore cause a risk of damaging the branch, the vehicle should be left on the road and materials brought in by hand or using smaller vehicles.

The roots of the tree are almost certainly beneath the drive and heavy vehicles crossing this area will compact the soil further and may cause damage to the roots. As the overhanging branch will restrict large, heavy vehicles it's unlikely that damage due to the construction will occur, but if a heavy vehicle can access the site without damaging the branch the area of the driveway beneath the tree crown will have to be protected. The protection should be by way of a temporary three dimensional cellular confinement system such as Geocell from Terram or similar.