

ABORICULTURAL METHOD STATEMENT

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

PLANNING APPLICATION APP/10/00258

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

Applicant: Mr and Mrs Darville

Proposed Development: Replacement of existing front boundary garden wall.

Scope of Works: Demolish and dispose of existing concrete block wall, thicken/repair / replace foundations where required. Construct new clay brick wall.

Aboricultural Assessment: Since the existing wall 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 carried out from the highway to ensure that no damage is caused to the canopy of the tree during loading / unloading.
- 3) **Demolition Works** – In order to prevent tree damage, demolition of the existing wall will be carried out carefully using hand tools only.
- 4) **Exposure of Existing Foundations** – In order to prevent tree / root damage, any excavation work will be carried out carefully using hand tools only.
- 5) **Thickening / Repair / Replacement of Foundations** – In order to prevent tree / root damage, where necessary thickening / repair / replacement of foundation is required work will be carried out using hand tools only and using materials that are not harmful to the tree or roots.
- 6) **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. In order to allow future root growth in this instance, a concrete lintel will be used to bridge the root and allow a minimum of 100mm clearance around the root.
- 7) **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.
- 8) **Risk** – Providing the works are carried out in accordance with this method statement, there is no risk of damage to the tree whatsoever.