

Havant Thicket Reservoir

Arboricultural and Silvicultural Appraisal and Tree Protection Statement

Phase 6 Reserved Matters – Forestry England Track Raising

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Introduction

This Arboricultural and Silvicultural Appraisal is an addendum to the approved Arboricultural Impact Assessment (Document ref: HTR-RHD-ZZ-XX-RP-Z-0001 Rev 2 issued on 2nd February 2024) for condition 27 of the Hybrid permission which specifically considers the works required for the Phase 6 Forestry England Track and Culverts. These are required to raise two sections of track above the water line to maintain an unimpeded passage along the southernmost track through Havant Thicket.

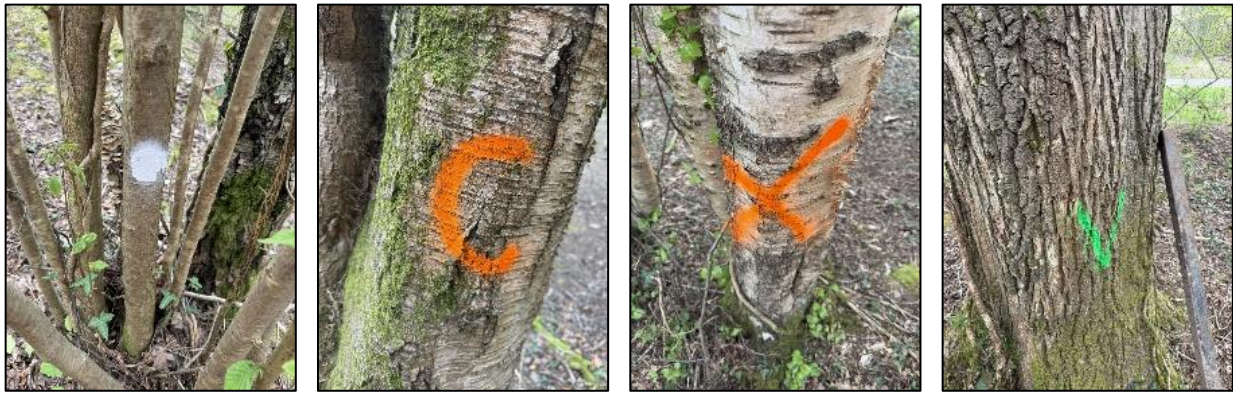
The conclusions of the AIA remain valid with this Addendum providing more detail following a site walkover and further details on the design and construction methodology for the Phase 6 Forestry England Track and Culverts.

Assessment Approach and Methodology

A site walkover was undertaken on 14th April 2026. Amongst those present was a representative from Forestry England.

Due to the number of trees within the potential zone of influence, spray markings were applied to key trees for the purposes of being identifiable for land surveyors to follow on in due course.

The markings used were as follows:



- A white circle or dot denoted stems for coppicing or recoppicing. In these instances, the trees or coppice stools will be cut down to a height of approximately 300mm above ground level and allowed to reshoot.
- An orange “C” denoted trees of commercial value to be felled by Forestry England; These trees either have existing saleable value or would have been expected to have saleable value when mature. All of these trees will be felled
- An orange “X” denoted trees of non-commercial value to be felled to accommodate the proposed permanent works. In this context, non-commercial is taken to mean trees which could not be form part of a sale of standing timber.
- A green “V” denoted stems to be veteranised as habitat features. These trees will be significantly reduced in height and will include the use of coronet cuts to mimic natural fractures, thus (photo to right courtesy Dartmoor Tree Surgeons):



A land survey then followed, picking up the locations of all stems within the influence zone of both the water and the newly-raised track sections. This included estimated stem diameters along with the markings applied to the trees where applicable.

The land survey has now been assessed as a desktop exercise and a summary of trees prepared as set out in tables 1 and 2 (attached).

Western Area

Approved AIA details

The approved AIA (Document ref: HTR-RHD-ZZ-XX-RP-Z-0001 Rev 2 issued on 2nd February 2024) states:

4.4 Two sections of the Forestry England track will need to be raised to keep them above the finalised waterline. These are located within zones 6 and 8.

4.5 In the case of zone 6, all of the trees to the south of the track will need to be cleared, though these are all small, young specimens. Their removal could be mitigated by means of replacement plantings, though it may be deemed more desirable from an amenity perspective to keep this area cleared due to the vista out across the reservoir from the raised section of track. One Oak, one Ash and three Goat Willows will need to be cleared from the northern side of the track to accommodate the engineering works; all of these are relatively young specimens and their loss will have a negligible detrimental impact on the visual amenity value of the local landscape as dense woodland will be retained immediately to the north.

Page 14 Zone 6 also states:

Tree Removals Required

- All stems to the south of the track alongside the section of track to be raised.
- One Oak, one Ash and three Goat Willows will need to be removed from the edge of woodland W197 to the north of the track. All of these trees are relatively young.

Overall Arboricultural Impact

- None of the trees to be removed are individually or collectively outstanding, and it is noted that the trees to the south of the track are likely to be managed by coppicing on a regular basis irrespective of the reservoir proposals.
- No mature, ancient or veteran trees require pruning or removal in this area.

The proposals set out in the Phase 6 Reserved Matters Application accord with the details in the approved AIA with more trees being able to be retained to the south of the track. Instead of being removed trees are being coppiced which allows for screening and allows for habitat creation.

The reason for the retention of trees is in response to consultation with the stakeholder group where a clear view was raised to keep and veteranise trees where appropriate.

Arboricultural Impacts Comparison

The approved AIA (Document ref: HTR-RHD-ZZ-XX-RP-Z-0001 Rev 2 issued on 2nd February 2024) sets out that all stems to the south of the track will be removed and to the north of track that one Oak, one Ash and three Goat Willows will need to be removed from the edge of woodland (W197).

A revised Tree Location Plan (attached) has been prepared showing the management of the trees. It is now intended that:

- To the north of the track, one tree, an Ash, will now be removed and the good quality early-mature Oak tree will be retained. This revision therefore shows an improvement with four notable trees now being able to be retained.
- To the south there will be a significant improvement with only 17 small trees now being removed instead of 50, with 26 of the remaining trees being coppiced and retained.

Arboricultural Impact Assessment for Retained/Coppiced Stems (Western Area)

Whilst a number of the trees shown for retention to the south of the track sit within the nominal embankment footprint, the levels changes are sufficiently small as to warrant their retention, coppicing those which are the most affected. Even allowing for the potential for some natural attrition associated with either the trees not tolerating coppicing or experiencing asphyxiation from the surcharged soil, a robust tree screen with partial vistas across the reservoir is still anticipated.

Furthermore, the retention of these trees and coppice stools will serve to maintain a contiguous conservation corridor to the south of the track, noting that the dense woodland to the north of the track remains unaffected from a conservation perspective.

Methodology for tree protection

A revised Tree Protection Statement has been prepared to reflect the updated embankment design and incorporated into this document. This shows a line of braced Heras fencing (see Arboricultural Guidance Sheet AGS101) running along the northern edge of the raised track footprint.

There is very limited space available to the south of the track for any protective fencing, and to install any would make it very difficult to undertake the construction works effectively. Therefore, a two-panel section of braced Heras fencing is shown at either end of the southern side of the new embankment, with the remainder of this section receiving effective protection from the existing topography. Care will be taken when surcharging the soil as per the proposed design, and the methodology for this will be communicated with the site operatives prior to the commencement of the works on site.

Eastern Area

Approved AIA details

The approved AIA (Document ref: HTR-RHD-ZZ-XX-RP-Z-0001 Rev 2 issued on 2nd February 2024) states on Page 16 for Zone 8:

Tree Removals Required:

- The trees within zone 8 are growing within the area which will eventually be flooded. On this basis, it is unrealistic to expect the trees to survive within their newly waterlogged environment though some of the Goat Willows and Hazels may continue to grow due to their tolerance to saturated or riparian environments.*
- The broadleaves present can be retained, acknowledging that the significant majority of these will decline and die once the area is flooded, however, the beneficial habitat opportunities associated with this are considerable.*
- Whilst the retention of the broadleaved trees, with their entire canopies, is considered to be highly desirable, the commercial conifer stems present (comprising Norway Spruce and Corsican Pines), are expected to succumb to waterlogging rapidly and these present a potential hazard, both in terms of their collapsing into the canopies of the retained broadleaves, and also falling back onto the shoreline and offering an opportunity for members of the public to walk or climb along them above the water. It is therefore recommended that all of the conifers within a line set 5.0m outside of the final waterline be felled (see the Zone 8 plan within Appendix B).*
- Track Raising: The raising of the Forestry England track in due course will result in the clearance of a limited number of trees in addition to those which will inevitably be lost to the flooding.*
- Based on an assessment of the emerging engineering options for the forestry track, it is likely that all Norway Spruce and Corsican Pine within 5.0m of the footprint of the engineering works will need to be removed, along with all other stems within 2.0m of the engineering footprint.*

Overall Arboricultural Impact:

- In total, approximately 8,500m² of woodland is to be cleared of commercial conifers, though this only equates to approximately nine Corsican Pines and two Norway Spruce to the north of the Forestry England Track and approximately 25-30 Norway Spruce to the south of the track.*
- Whilst trees will be lost to enable the engineering works, none are considered to be individually or collectively outstanding, noting that the commercial conifers have a relatively limited safe useful life expectancy irrespective of either the track raising or flooding works.*
- As already noted, all of these trees are growing within a wider commercially managed woodland environment, and therefore in the absence of the reservoir project, a series of silvicultural thinnings, followed by clear-felling and restocking would still be expected in a forestry context.*
- Whilst the flooding limits the opportunities for restocking over time, it also presents some unique opportunities for the creation of new habitats, including utilising standing deadwood monoliths around the fringes of the waterline*

The proposals set out in the Phase 6 Reserved Matters Application accord with the details in the approved AIA (Document ref: HTR-RHD-ZZ-XX-RP-Z-0001 Rev 2 issued on 2nd February 2024).

Arboricultural Impacts Comparison

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At the time of the February 2024 assessment, a finalised design for the eastern embankment had not been completed, therefore any calculations were based on the anticipated embankment footprint and the projected waterline. Furthermore, topographical data showing individual trees was not available, therefore an assessment was based on projected canopy area loss.

The recently-updated topographical information, along with the new engineering drawings, has allowed for a far greater degree of confidence in projecting tree removals.

A revised Tree Location Plan (attached) has been prepared showing the management of the trees. It is now intended that:

- A total of 144 trees are to be removed. Of these, 26 stems are of commercial value and will be removed by the Forestry Commission. These are almost all Spruce which are understood to be included within a larger sale of standing timber across the wider Havant Thicket woodland in response to the threat posed by the Eight-toothed spruce bark beetle (*Ips typographus*).
- Of the trees to be removed which have been marked with an orange “X” (non-commercial fell), these are generally poorer quality, short-lived broadleaves such as Silver Birch. There are three of these marked on both the eastern section and they’re shown by a red dot on the attached plans.
- A total of 115 stems need to be removed from both sides of the eastern section of the track to accommodate the new embankment. 82 of these are to the south of the track with the remaining 33 to the north. The retention of these trees is not considered possible in the context of the engineering works required.
- A total of 262 trees are shown for retention for the eastern embankment. Of these, 232 are expected to succumb to the waterlogging over time, however, this in itself creates a new and valuable habitat. 25 trees have a reasonable likelihood of survival.
- Four of the trees shown for retention on the eastern area are to be veteranised so as to retain them for their habitat value whilst maintaining a safe environment for track users.
- Original estimates contained within the approved AIA anticipated a loss of approximately 8,500m² of canopy. On the basis of the revised engineering and tree management proposals, we have now revised this down to approximately 2,850m² being removed as part of the commercial fellings and to physically accommodate the eastern embankment, with a further 3,950m² of canopy

declining and probably dying as a consequence of waterlogging in due course. This totals 6,800m² in total, representing a 20% decrease in the anticipated canopy loss when compared to original estimates.

Arboricultural Impact Assessment for Retained/Coppiced Stems (Eastern Area)

The tree clearances as shown on the attached drawings will need to be undertaken prior to the commencement of any engineering works, noting that the Forestry Commission will be removing their commercial stems as a priority.

The remainder of the trees shall be protected by means of fencing as shown on the attached Tree Protection Plans.

The gradual decline of the retained trees within and immediately adjacent to the waterline should result in a transition from one habitat type to another, with invertebrates, birds and mammals having time to relocate further into the wider Havant Thicket woodland as necessary.

Methodology for tree protection

A revised Tree Protection Statement has been prepared to reflect the updated embankment design and incorporated into this document. This shows a line of braced Heras fencing (see Arboricultural Guidance Sheet AGS101) running along both the northern and southern edges of the embankment footprint.

Space has been left to allow for operatives to stand outside of the toe of the bank; where a limited number of the retained trees are located within this border strip, additional care will be required when undertaking ground works, particularly when surcharging the soil as per the proposed design. The methodology for this will be communicated with the site operatives prior to the commencement of the works on site.

Future Tree Management Adjacent Eastern and Western Sections

A duty of care remains in terms of tree management adjacent public rights of way, irrespective of the proposed embankment construction. The anticipated accelerated decline of some trees means that an increased tree safety inspection frequency is recommended.

Annual inspections should commence within one year of the commencement of construction of the embankments, and should be repeated until at least the fifth year following completion of the filling of the reservoir. Further annual inspections may be needed after this time, but this can be determined by the tree management team based on observations on a year by year basis.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The conclusions of the approved Arboricultural Impact Assessment (Document ref: HTR-RHD-ZZ-XX-RP-Z-0001 Rev 2 issued on 2nd February 2024) remain valid with this Addendum providing more detail following a site walkover and further details on the design and construction methodology for the Phase 6 Forestry England Track and Culverts.

- It is important to consider the results of this assessment in a silvicultural context, evaluating the specific data on a tree-by-tree basis rather than looking at the wider numbers of trees. In so doing, it is clear that the significant majority of the trees surveyed are of relatively low individual quality and small in terms of their trunk diameters. Accordingly, the impact of the proposals from both a silvicultural and arboricultural perspective is low; of the number of trees to be removed, over 80% are 300mm trunk diameter or less, and half of those in excess of 300mm are proposed for felling by Forestry England as part of the commercial timber activities associated with Havant Thicket.
- Whilst approximately 79% of those trees shown for retention are expected to succumb to waterlogging in due course, this has to be balanced against the habitat creation opportunity

associated with standing deadwood wetland. Less than 11% of these standing deadwood stems have a trunk diameter in excess of 300mm.

- The loss of the commercial Spruce stems is already proposed in response to the threat posed by the Eight-toothed spruce bark beetle (*Ips typographus*).
- The veteranisation of the four trees identified is a specialist activity and it is recommended that any contractor tendering for this work is asked to submit evidence of similar works undertaken in the past, to include photographs and working method statements. Advanced Arboriculture can assist in the evaluation of these submissions as required.
- The proposals must be undertaken in accordance with the proposed revised Tree Protection Plan and Arboricultural Method Statement. Strict adherence to these documents will minimise any risk of further undue tree losses across both the eastern and western embankments.



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Table 1 – Tree Management Totals

Management Recommendation	Western Section	Eastern Section
Commercial fell	4	26
Non-commercial fell *	3	3
Fell to accommodate embankments *	11	115
Trees to retain – reasonable likelihood of survival	7	25
Trees to retain – expected to succumb to waterlogging	0	232
Coppice/recoppice	26	1
Veteranise	0	4
Total	457	

Table 2 – Tree Management by Stem Diameters

Stem Dia (mm)	<100	100	150	200	250	300	350	400	450	500	600	700	>700
Commercial fell	0	10	2	5	0	3	0	4	0	3	3	0	0
Non-commercial fell *	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fell to accommodate embankments *	5	54	0	34	15	9	0	4	0	2	3	0	1**
Trees to retain – reasonable likelihood of survival	1	6	4	4	2	9	0	3	1	0	1	1	0
Trees to retain – expected to succumb to waterlogging	4	95	34	37	13	24	1	17	0	6	1	0	0
Coppice/ recoppice	8	11	1	4	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Veteranise	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0
Total Retained ***	13 (4%)	112 (38%)	39 (13%)	45 (15%)	15 (5%)	35 (12%)	2 (1%)	22 (7%)	1 (0%)	7 (2%)	3 (1%)	1 (0%)	0 (0%)
Total to Remove ****	4 (2%)	64 (40%)	5 (3%)	41 (25%)	16 (10%)	12 (7%)	0 (0%)	8 (5%)	0 (0%)	5 (3%)	6 (4%)	0 (0%)	1 (1%)

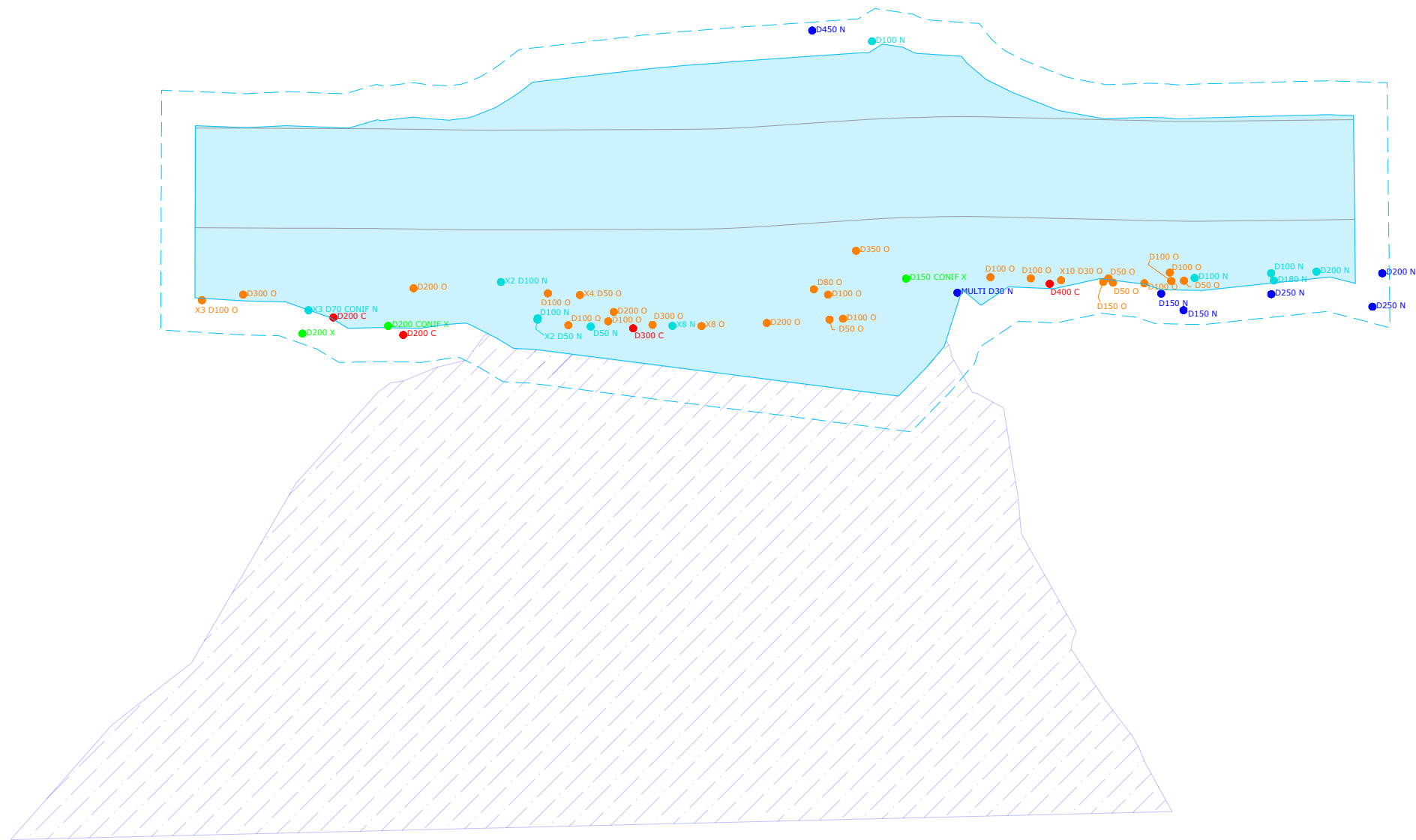
* Figures can be aggregated in terms of tree felling

** One tree categorised at 1,000mm but appears to be multi-stemmed coppice stool

*** Totals to retain include those trees which will succumb to waterlogging in due course

**** Totals to remove include commercial fellings being undertaken by Forestry England

The figures above do not include two areas to the north of the easternmost track raising where the large number of trees of less than 100mm stem diameter present were not individually surveyed. These areas combined provide approximately 587m² of canopy cover and it is assumed that the significant majority of these (probably 90%) will succumb to waterlogging over time.



Key

- Commercial fell
- Non-commercial fell
- Coppice
- Retain - tree may survive
- Retain - tree will almost certainly die
- Tree to remove to accommodate track raising
- Tree to be veteranised
- Proposed track raising embankment
- 1.5m embankment buffer zone
- Water extent on completion of reservoir
- Construction exclusion zone
- Braced Heras fencing (see AGS101)
- High-visibility barrier fencing (see AGS105)



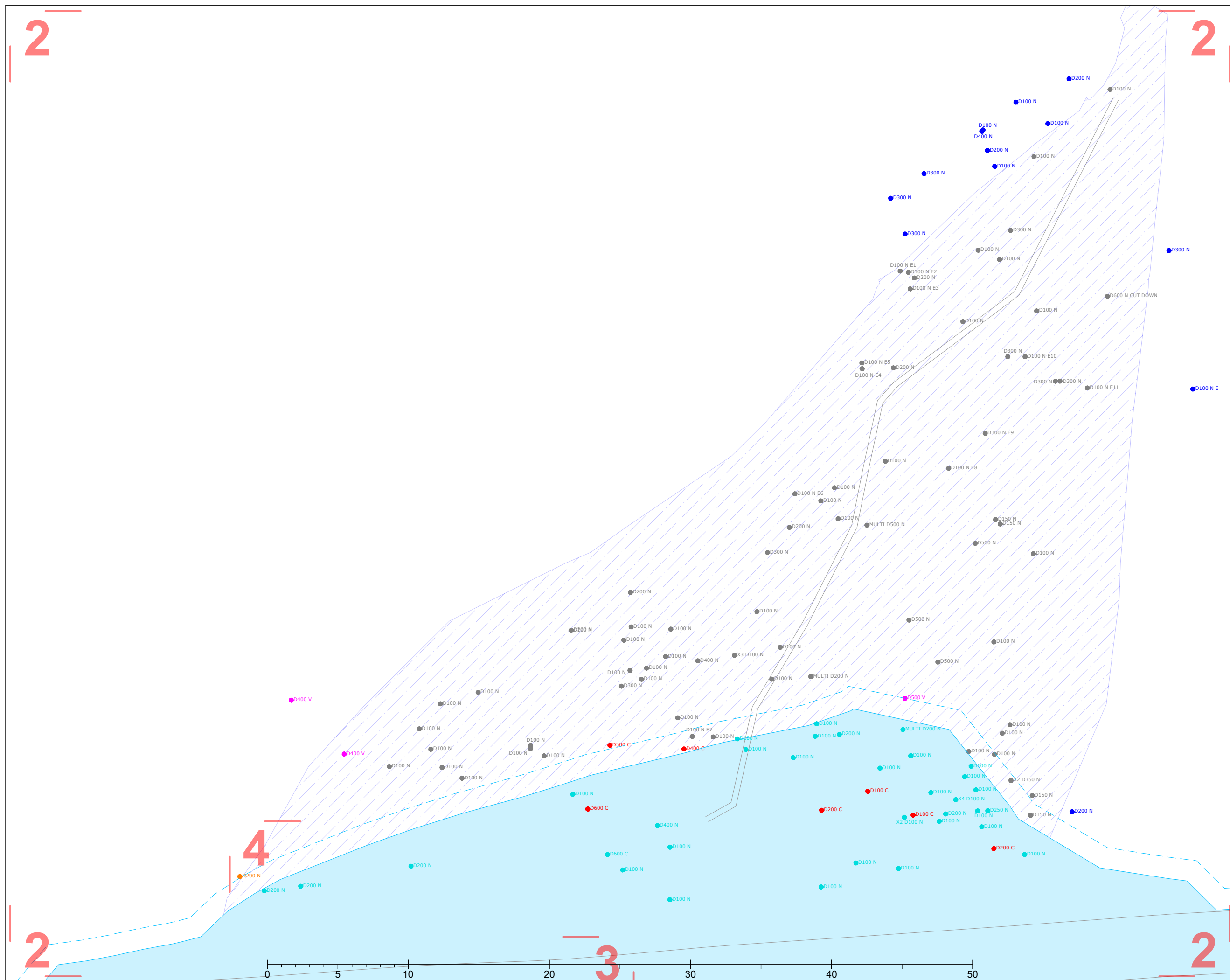
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|  | Water extent on completion of reservoir |
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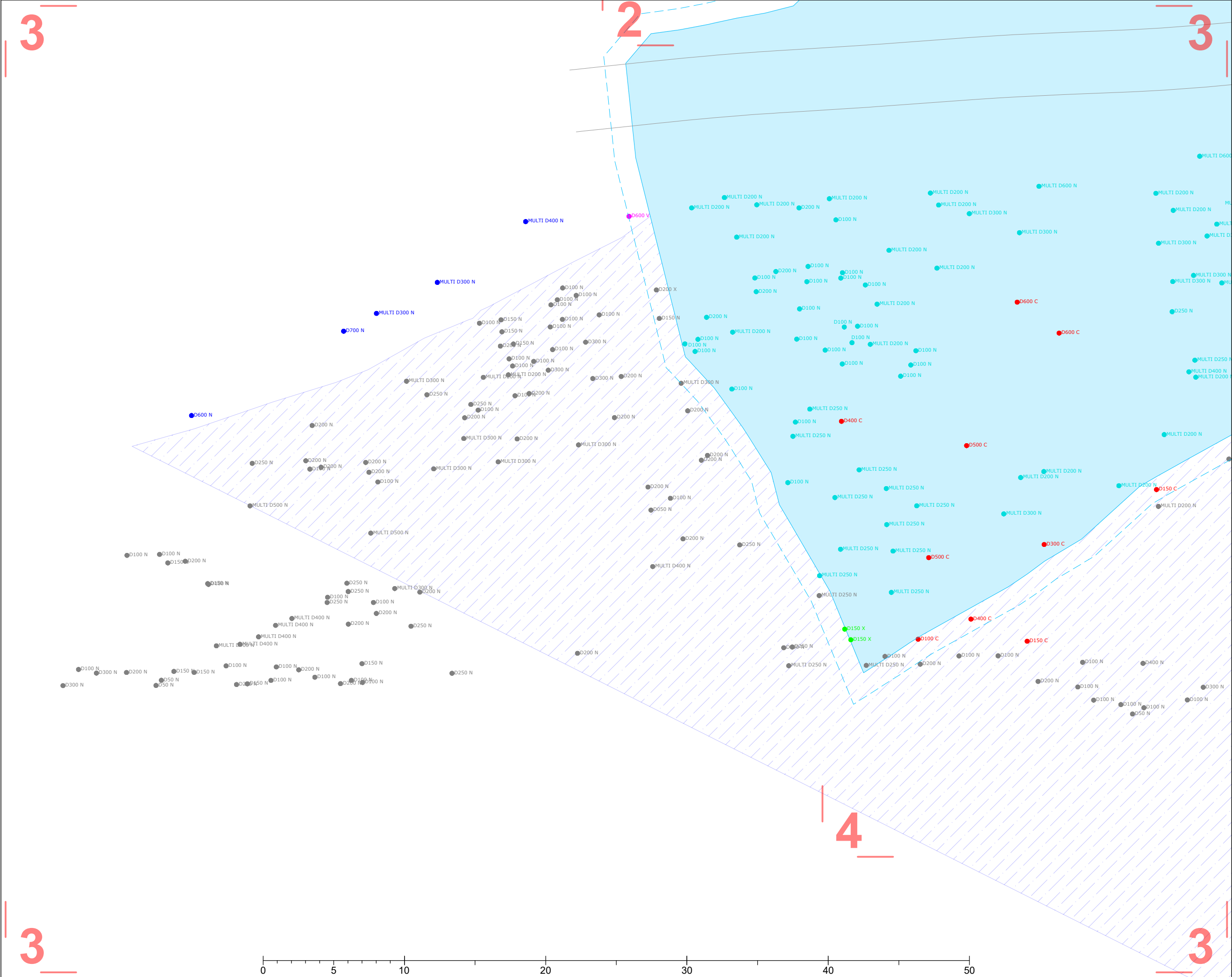
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● Commercial fell

● Non-commercial fell

● Coppice

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● Retain - tree will almost certainly die

● Tree to remove to accommodate track raising

● Tree to be veteranised

▭ Proposed track raising embankment

▭ 1.5m embankment buffer zone

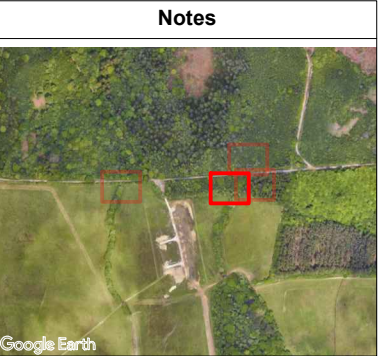
▨ Water extent on completion of reservoir

▨ Construction exclusion zone

— Braced Heras fencing (see AGS101)

— High-visibility barrier fencing (see AGS105)

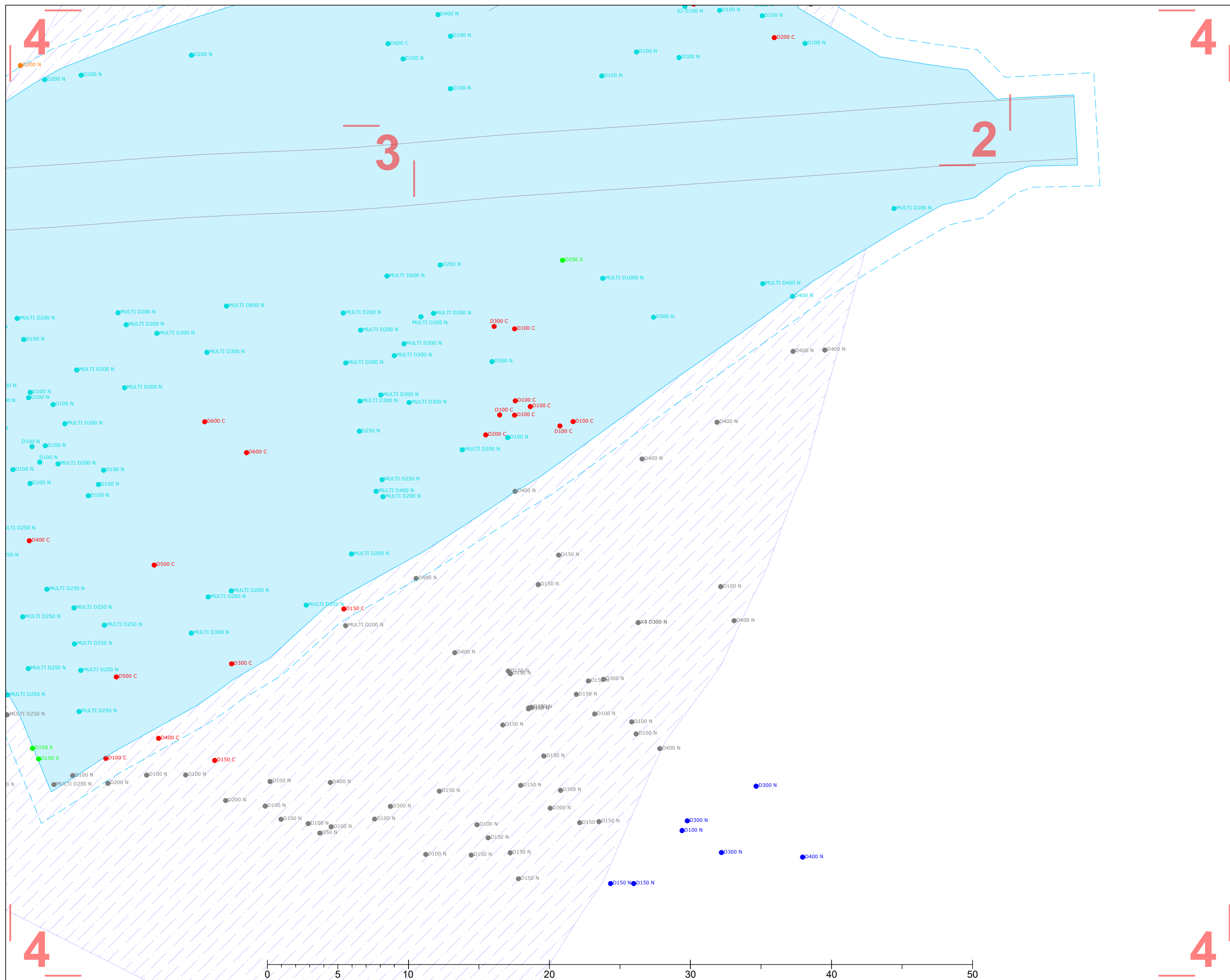
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Tree Protection Statement - Key Information

Heads of Terms

This document provides information for the benefit of the local planning authority and the project team, however, the specific tree protection details are contained within the attached Tree Protection Plan, Arboricultural Method Statement and Arboricultural Guidance Sheets.

The document has been prepared based on information available to Advanced Arboriculture Ltd at the time of writing, however, further technical, topographical, arboricultural, architectural, ecological or engineering information may come to light after the relevant arboricultural conditions have been cleared. It is the responsibility of the project manager to draw any changes in the project scope to our attention at the earliest opportunity.

The scheduling and implementation of the tree protection measures detailed in the report also remains the responsibility of the client. Whilst the project team may appoint a suitably qualified third party arboricultural supervisor, Advanced Arboriculture Ltd are able to take on this role subject to the client's formal instruction.

Advanced Arboriculture Ltd shall not be held liable for any unauthorised deviation from the tree protection measures and scheduling detailed within this report.

Tree Protection Overview

The included Tree Protection Plan and Arboricultural Method Statement detail the tree protection measures required for the proposals, the timing of the provision of tree protection measures, and the retention of a suitably qualified arboricultural supervisor in the event of any accidental damage to the trees.

This document must be reviewed by the client or their delegated project manager and/or site manager with the arboricultural supervisor prior to the commencement of any works to ensure that both the scheduling and protection measures detailed within the Arboricultural Method Statement remain achievable and realistic. Once the Tree Protection Plan and Arboricultural Method Statement Plans have been reviewed and signed off by both the client/site manager and arboricultural supervisor, these drawings must be held on site for ongoing reference and to allow the local planning authority to check them at any reasonable time. Any variations to the Tree Protection Plan or Arboricultural Method Statement must be copied to the local planning authority; in the case of major variations to these documents, written approval may be required.

- **Once planning consent has been granted, this Tree Protection Statement is a legally binding document.**
- **All planning conditions must be read and fully implemented, including the arboricultural supervision inspection programme.**
- **Failure to follow the measures detailed within the drawings and method statement can lead to the issue of a Stop Notice or further enforcement action.**
- **The drawings and method statement must be reviewed by the demolition/groundwork/construction/landscape teams to ensure that all works can be completed without encroachment into the Construction Exclusion Zones. If this is not possible then any issues must be raised with Advanced Arboriculture and alternative solutions found.**

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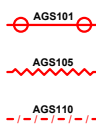
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Construction Exclusion Zone



The construction exclusion zone must remain sacrosanct for the duration of the project. No vehicles, plant or materials may enter this area due to the harm to roots associated with compaction, nor the mixing of concrete or plaster, storage of fuel, or rinsing of hoppers or barrows due to the risk of contamination. No levels changes may take place within the construction exclusion zone, including excavation or the surcharging of topsoil or subsoil to any depth.

Protective Fencing



Protective fencing is a key element of the tree protection measures for this project and must be erected prior to the commencement of any mobilisation to site by contractors, plant or materials and must remain in situ until all construction works have been completed. Fencing will generally fall into one of three types: braced Heras panels match the British Standard 5837:2012 specification, while high-visibility barrier mesh and high-visibility barrier rope may be specified where a risk of harm to trees is considered to be substantially lower. Fencing may not be breached or dismantled without the prior approval for removal by the arboricultural supervisor.

General Items

Site Organisation

Prior to the commencement of any demolition or construction activities on site, the locations for site offices, welfare facilities, parking, a materials storage area and a concrete mixing area must be designated and marked on the Tree Protection Plan. It may be possible to locate site huts, cabins and welfare facilities where protective fencing is shown on the Tree Protection Plan, however, this will only be possible with the written consent of the arboricultural supervisor and subject to the following conditions:

- The site huts will remain in situ for the duration of the project (if not, protective fencing will still be required prior to the installation of the huts, or after their removal);
- There is sufficient crown height available to accommodate the huts without the need for unauthorised crown lifting or pruning;
- Any services or sewerage for the huts must remain above ground and not require excavation;
- No discharge from the huts, including grey water, shall be permitted within the demarcated construction exclusion zone, with the exception of rainwater from the roofs or guttering;
- Where foundation pads are required to support huts, these must comprise timber sleepers or concrete paving slabs placed on the existing ground level;
- Parking, materials storage and materials mixing must remain outside of the designated construction exclusion zones, and the materials mixing area must be bunded or contained such that any spillage or rinsings cannot run towards the root protection areas of any retained trees.

Hard & Soft Landscaping

Any hard landscaping within the root protection area of any retained trees which includes changes in ground levels (cut or fill), new walls or new paths will require further arboricultural review to ensure that any detrimental impact is limited. If unsustainable damage is considered to be unavoidable then the landscaping scheme will require revision. Soft landscaping near retained trees, including the planting of new trees and shrubs, must be undertaken with considerable care due to the potential for rooting damage. Mechanical rotovation or cultivation within the construction exclusion zones shown on the Tree Protection Plan must be avoided as this can cause significant damage to the rooting system of adjacent trees.

New Trees

All new trees must be sourced from a reputable nursery and planted in accordance with the recommendations detailed within British Standard 8545:2014. Advanced Arboriculture are able to provide an independent verification of the quality of new trees prior to planting on request.

Tree Works

The appointed tree work contractor must ensure that all tree works comply with British Standard 3998:2010 (*Tree Works - Recommendations*) and it is strongly advised that the appointed tree contractor is Arboricultural Association Approved to ensure high standards and a consistency of work.

Under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 & Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000 it is an offence to recklessly damage or destroy the nest of a wild bird whilst in use or being built; planning consent does not provide a defence against prosecution under these Acts. Trees, shrubs and hedgerows on this site may contain nesting birds between 1st March and 31st August and it is advisable to undertake a survey of the site before commencing any vegetation removal between these dates, to ensure that no nesting birds are present.

Bill of Quantities

 Braced Heras fencing (see AGS101)
96 panels

Notes

- The quantities detailed above are indicative and will need to be verified by the project quantity surveyor.
- Any queries regarding tree protection measures, tree protection locations and project timelines must be raised with Advanced Arboriculture at the earliest opportunity.

Document Title:

Background Information

location:

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Fencing Section 1
18 braced Heras panels

Fencing Section 2
2 braced Heras panels

Fencing Section 3
2 braced Heras panels

Key

●

Commercial fell

●

Non-commercial fell

●

Coppice

●

Retain - tree may survive

●

Retain - tree will almost certainly die

●

Tree to remove to accommodate track raising

●

Tree to be veteranised

Proposed track raising embankment

1.5m embankment buffer zone

Water extent on completion of reservoir

Construction exclusion zone

Braced Heras fencing (see AGS101)

High-visibility barrier fencing (see AGS105)

Notes

• Protective fencing must not be breached or dismantled at any point during the construction programme without the written consent of the local planning authority.

• Failure to fully comply with this Tree Protection Plan may result in the local planning authority pursuing enforcement action.

• It is the Site Manager's responsibility to ensure that all site personnel, plant and materials remain outside of the Construction Exclusion Zones and protective fencing at all times.

Drawing Title:

Tree Protection Plan
Inset 1

location:

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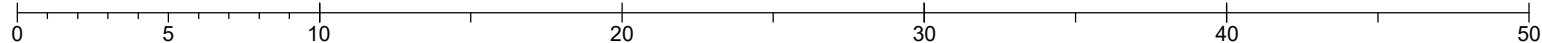
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Fencing Section 4
33 braced Heras panels

Fencing Section 5
41 braced Heras panels

Key

- Commercial fell
- Non-commercial fell
- Coppice
- Retain - tree may survive
- Retain - tree will almost certainly die
- Tree to remove to accommodate track raising
- Tree to be veteranised
- Proposed track raising embankment
- 1.5m embankment buffer zone
- Water extent on completion of reservoir
- Construction exclusion zone
- Braced Heras fencing (see AGS101)
- High-visibility barrier fencing (see AGS105)



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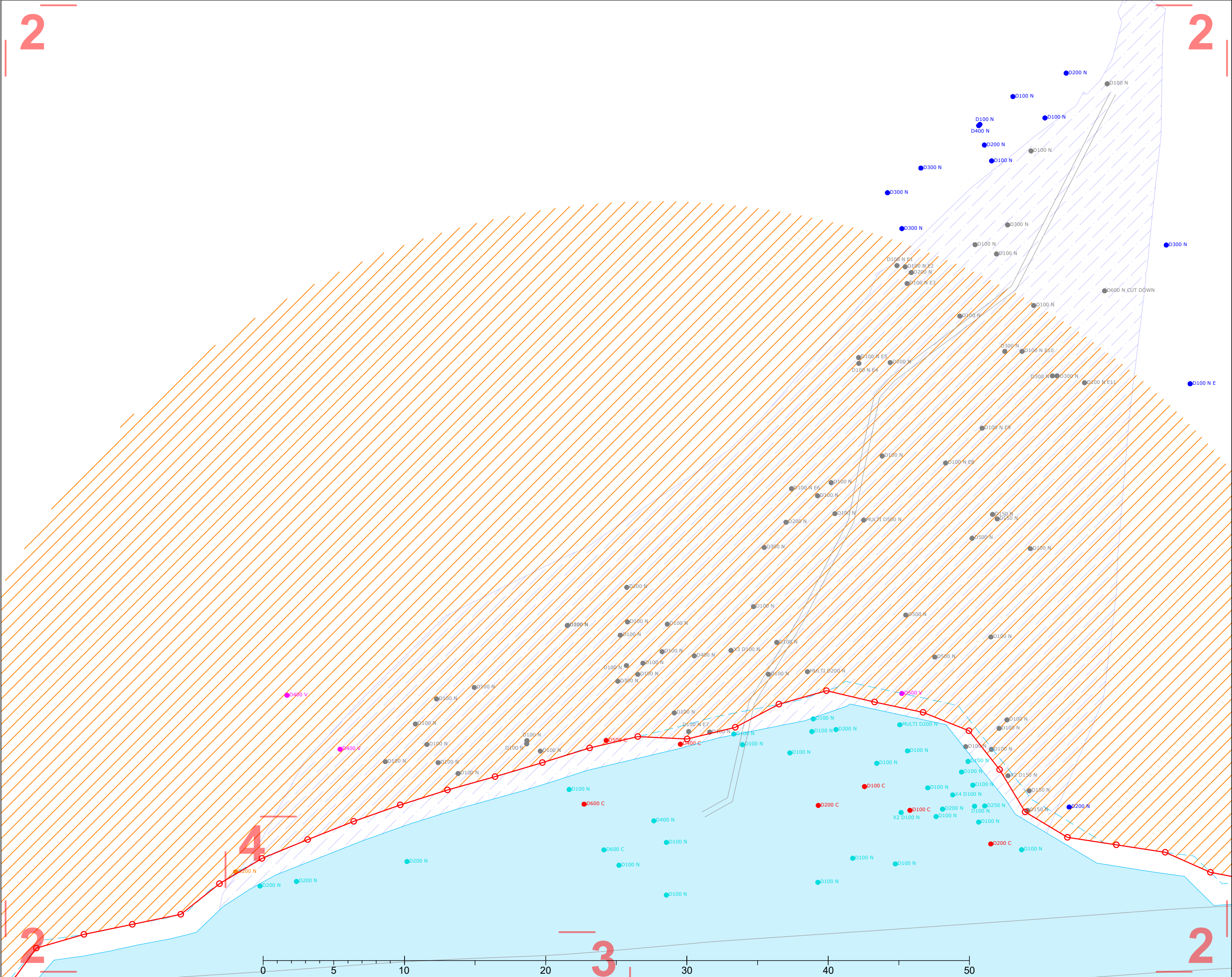
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Key

Commercial fell

Non-commercial fell

Coppice

Retain - tree may survive

Retain - tree will almost certainly die

Tree to remove to accommodate track raising

Tree to be veteranised

Proposed track raising embankment

1.5m embankment buffer zone

Water extent on completion of reservoir

Construction exclusion zone

Braced Heras fencing (see AGS101)

High-visibility barrier fencing (see AGS105)

North Arrow

Notes

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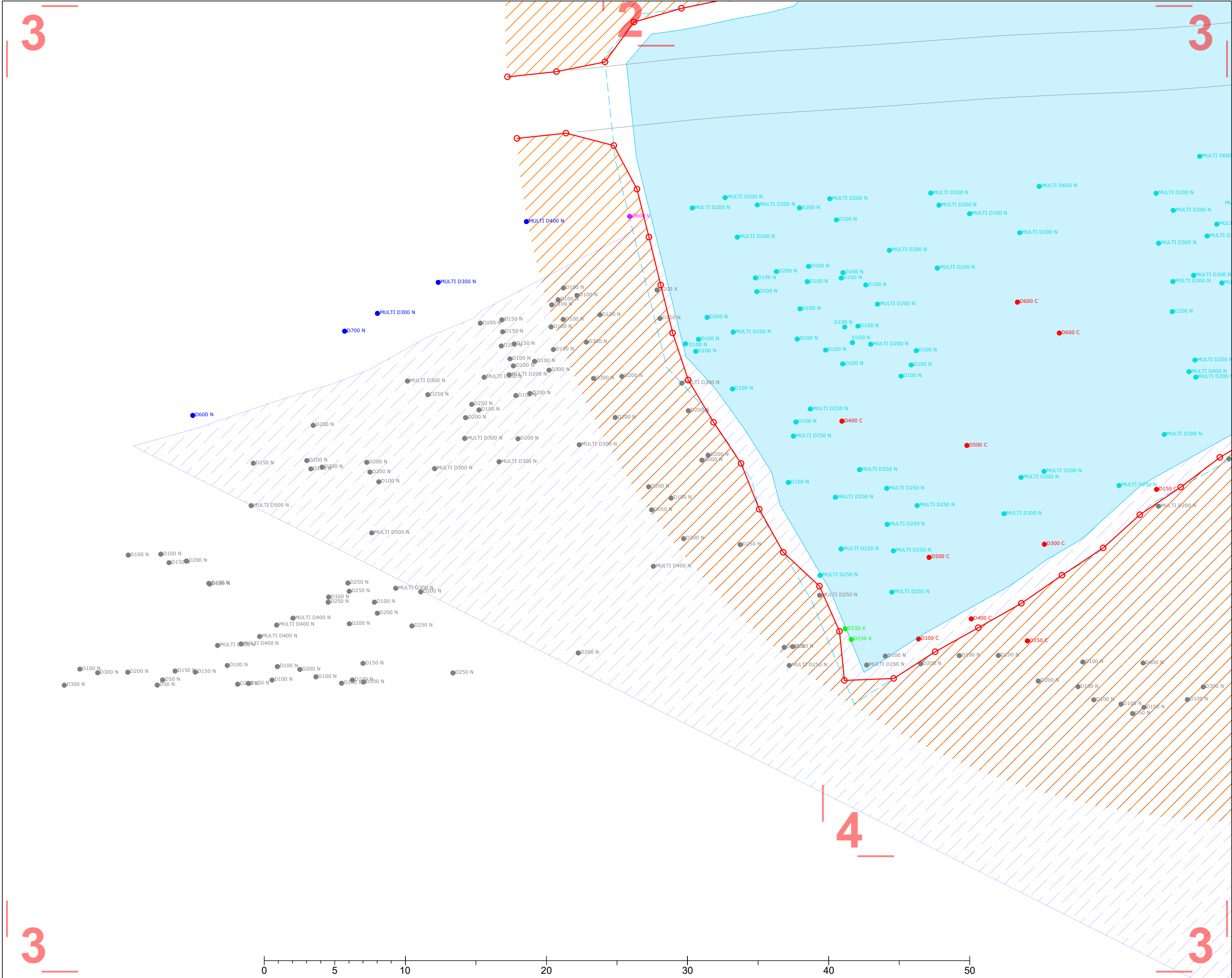
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Key

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Commercial fell

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Non-commercial fell

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Coppice

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Retain - tree may survive

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Retain - tree will almost certainly die

●

Tree to remove to accommodate track raising

●

Tree to be veteranised

Proposed track raising embankment

1.5m embankment buffer zone

Water extent on completion of reservoir

Construction exclusion zone

Braced Heras fencing (see AGS101)

High-visibility barrier fencing (see AGS105)

North Arrow

Notes

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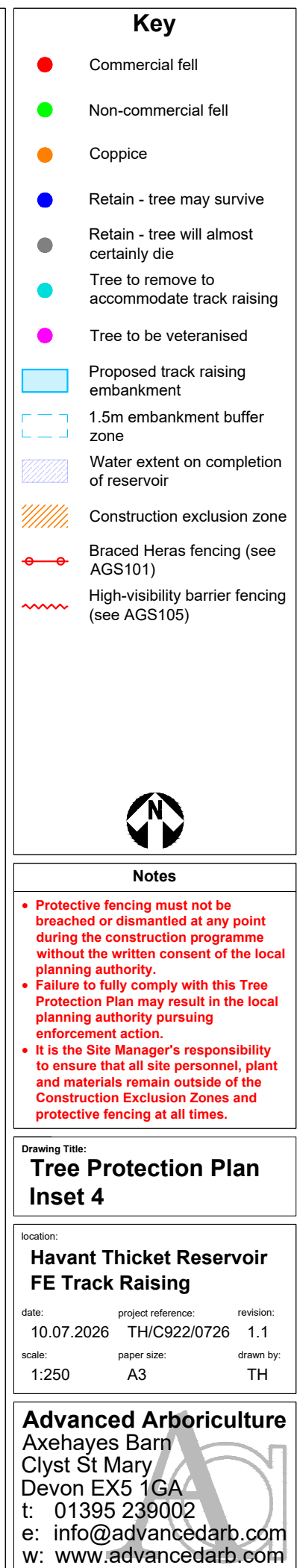
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Arboricultural Method Statement and Supervision

Arboricultural Method Statement

All works to be undertaken sequentially in accordance with the following schedule (all items in **bold** will require either an on-site or online inspection or review):

- Tree Protection Plan and Arboricultural Method Statement to be reviewed and signed off by the site engineers and arboricultural supervisor (see right). Any amendments to be made and a copy of all revised documents sent to the local planning authority as necessary. Signed off copy to be held on file in the site office for the duration of construction works.**
- All site personnel, including sub-contractors, to be advised of tree protection requirements during induction (see Arboricultural Induction Sheet).
- Arboricultural supervisor to review tree works specification with appointed tree works contractor. Any issues to be resolved with an on-site meeting as required (may be done via telephone or WhatsApp video where practicable).**
- All tree works to be undertaken in accordance with British Standard 3998:2010.
- All tree works to be inspected by the arboricultural supervisor to ensure that they comply with the specification detail.**
- Protective fencing to be installed as per the specifications detailed within the Arboricultural Guidance Sheets.
- Arboricultural supervisor to attend site to inspect tree protection measures prior to the commencement of any construction activities. Groundworks team to be consulted to ensure that the construction works can be completed with the protective fencing in its prescribed configuration.**
- Construction to commence in accordance with approved site layout.
- Advanced Arboriculture to undertake inspections at key trigger points (see Arboricultural Supervision Inspection Record) along with ad hoc inspections at the request of the site manager or client. All inspections to be logged on the Arboricultural Supervision Inspection Record and any issues to be raised within an Exception Report to the client.**
- Any accidental damage to trees to be reported immediately to Advanced Arboriculture with any necessary remedial works to be agreed with the local planning authority.
- Fencing to be dismantled only on completion of all construction works and to allow for soft landscaping.
- Signed copy of this drawing and Arboricultural Supervision Inspection Record to be held on project files on completion of all construction works.

Inspection Trigger Point Stages

The following project stages will trigger the need for an inspection by the arboricultural supervisor (tick all that apply):

- A** Tree Protection Statement review ☒
- B** Tree works specification review ☒
- C** Tree works completion inspection ☐
- D** Tree protection inspection ☒
- E** Pre-site-enabling inspection* ☐
- F** Pre-demolition inspection ☐
- G** Pre-groundworks inspection ☐
- H** Pre-construction inspection ☐
- I** Mid-construction inspection** ☐
- J** Construction completion inspection ☐
- K** Pre-landscaping inspection ☐
- L** Project completion inspection ☒
- S** Scheduled inspections ☐
- X** Ad-hoc inspection (client request) ☐
- Y** Ad-hoc inspection (LPA request) ☐
- Z** Unannounced inspection ☐

Note:

The number of inspections will be determined during the preparation of the Tree Protection Statement based on anticipated risk of harm to trees. These trigger points may be modified by the local planning authority and included as a condition of any planning consent.

An additional copy of this sheet must be printed out if insufficient boxes are available for the number of inspections required across the full project timeline.

- * Site enabling includes construction of access routes, site compound setup, materials storage setup, etc.
- ** Timing of mid-construction to be defined at Tree Protection Statement Review stage

Inspection Record

Stage (see trigger points): _____

Date: _____

Inspector: _____

Meeting: On-site ☐
On-line ☐

Comments: _____

All concerns addressed/resolved? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Tree issues? ☐ ☐
Fencing/ground protection issues? ☐ ☐
Document revision required? ☐ ☐

Tree Protection Review

Date: _____

Inspector: _____

Meeting: On-site ☐

On-line ☐

Consultees: Client ☐

Architect ☐

Project Engineer ☐

Project Manager ☐

Site Manager ☐

Demolition Contractor ☐

Groundworks Contractor ☐

Landscape Contractor ☐

LPA Tree Officer ☐

Others: (Please specify) _____

Comments: _____

Planning conditions checked? ☐ Yes ☐ No
All concerns addressed/resolved? ☐ ☐
Tree issues? ☐ ☐
Fencing issues? ☐ ☐
Document revision required? ☐ ☐

Inspection Record

Stage (see trigger points): _____

Date: _____

Inspector: _____

Meeting: On-site ☐
On-line ☐

Comments: _____

All concerns addressed/resolved? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Tree issues? ☐ ☐
Fencing/ground protection issues? ☐ ☐
Document revision required? ☐ ☐

Inspection Record

Stage (see trigger points): _____

Date: _____

Inspector: _____

Meeting: On-site ☐

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Comments: _____

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Tree issues? ☐ ☐
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Document revision required? ☐ ☐

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Document revision required? ☐ ☐

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Fencing/ground protection issues? ☐ ☐
Document revision required? ☐ ☐

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Document revision required? ☐ ☐

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Fencing/ground protection issues? ☐ ☐
Document revision required? ☐ ☐

Notes for Site Manager

- Where arboricultural supervision is included as a condition of a planning consent, there is a legal obligation to ensure that it is complied with in full.**
- It is the site manager's responsibility to ensure that the arboricultural supervisor is appointed and inspections commissioned as per the planning consent. Failure to comply with the prescribed arboricultural supervision requirements remains the responsibility of the client.
- Reasons for requesting additional ad hoc inspections may include accidental damage to trees, an amendment to proposals, or to clarify a detail on the Tree Protection Plan or Arboricultural Method Statement. The Arboricultural Supervisor shall make every effort to attend site within 48 hours of receiving a request from the Site Manager.
- Inspections at key trigger points may coincide with scheduled inspections
- Local planning authority officers may ask to see the completed Arboricultural Supervision Inspection Record at any reasonable time.
- Any issues raised during an inspection may require the Arboricultural Supervisor to prepare an Exception Report detailing remedial works or actions; these must also be kept on file in the site office.
- On completion of all construction works, a copy of this completed document must be sent to the local planning authority by the Arboricultural Supervisor to discharge the relevant conditions of the planning consent.

Arboricultural Supervisor

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Drawing Title:

Arboricultural Supervision Log

location:

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date: 10.07.2026 project reference: TH/C922/0726 revision: 1.1
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Tree Protection Information



Trees on this site are legally protected by the Local Planning Authority.

- Planning conditions, Tree Preservation Orders and Conservation Area regulations mean that damage to trees may result in enforcement action and all site works being stopped.



Protective fencing must not be moved or dismantled under any circumstances.

- The protective fencing for the trees is there to protect the trees and their rooting systems.
- The fencing must not be moved for any reason unless it has been approved by the Site Manager and the Arboricultural Supervisor.



The Construction Exclusion Zones are not to be used for any reason.

- These areas are there for a reason: to protect the tree above and below the ground.
- Storage of materials, the mixing of concrete, the fueling of machines, the parking of vehicles, *etc.* all cause damage to a tree's roots so use a designated zone for these activities.



Trees are not to be used for any purpose - they are there for the future.

- Trees are not to be used as a place to screw signs onto, or as cable supports.
- Fires can do massive damage to trees, both above and below ground, and even some distance away. If a fire is permitted on site, it must be at least ten metres from the nearest branch of any retained tree.



Extra care will always be required when craning or using excavators.

- It's too easy to accidentally swing an excavator boom, HIAB, crane jib or load into the branches or trunk of a tree so extra care is always required.
- Plan all movements carefully, make sure the operator has good visibility and, where possible, use an experienced banksman.



What to do if it all goes wrong?

- Accidents can happen so if a tree is damaged, even only slightly, this must be reported to the Site Manager immediately.
- If the Site Manager is not available then contact Advanced Arboriculture immediately to seek further advice.

All site staff including archaeologists, consultants, contractors, sub-contractors, arborists and landscapers must sign below to confirm that they have read and understood this information

Full Name: _____ Signature: _____ Company: _____ Date: _____	Full Name: _____ Signature: _____ Company: _____ Date: _____
Full Name: _____ Signature: _____ Company: _____ Date: _____	Full Name: _____ Signature: _____ Company: _____ Date: _____
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Notes for Site Manager

- **Damage to trees during construction can result in enforcement action, including the local authority issuing Stop Notices or pursuing prosecution for damage to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order.**
- It is essential that all staff working on site, including contractors, sub-contractors and delivery drivers, are made aware of the tree protection measures in operation on this site.
- It may be necessary to read the sheet out to personnel with limited literacy or language skills.
- Every member of staff must sign this sheet to confirm that they have fully understood the tree protection measures. The sheet must remain on site with the Tree Protection Plan and Arboricultural Method Statement to allow for inspection at any reasonable time by the Arboricultural Supervisor or the Local Planning Authority Arboricultural Officer.
- In the event of any queries, concerns or amendments, please contact Advanced Arboriculture at the earliest opportunity.
- **It is essential that the project has a designated Arboricultural Supervisor. If this role has not been assigned then please contact the client or Project Manager to request authorisation to appoint an Arboricultural Supervisor.**
- It is the Site Manager's responsibility to ensure that all staff are fully inducted, that all tree protection measures are installed and maintained correctly, and that the scheduling detailed within the Arboricultural Method Statement is followed.

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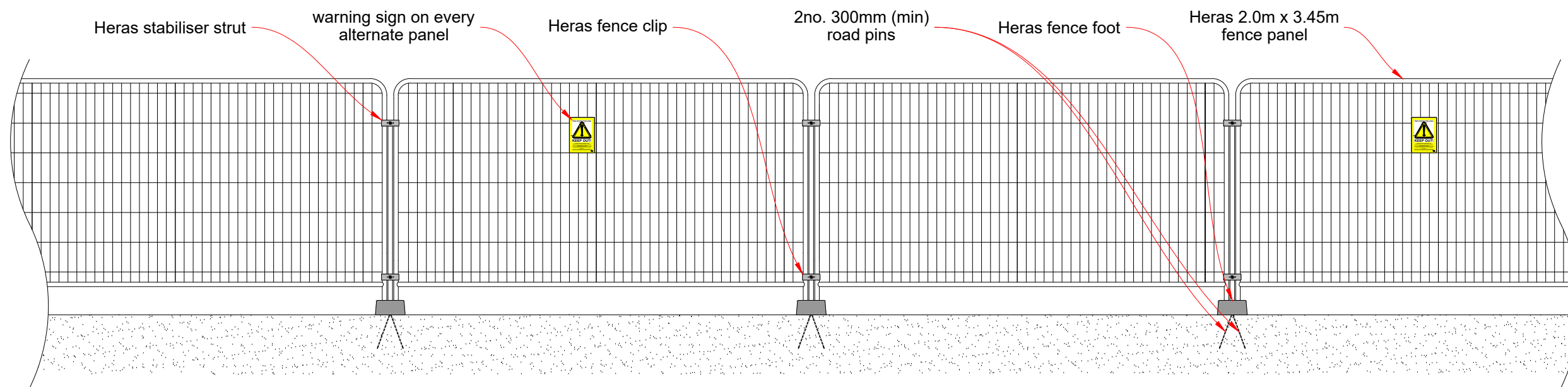
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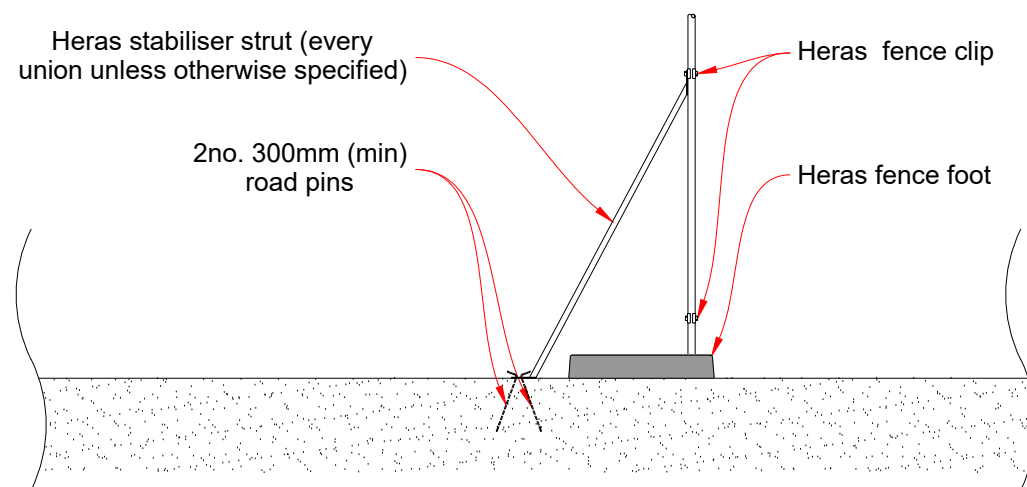
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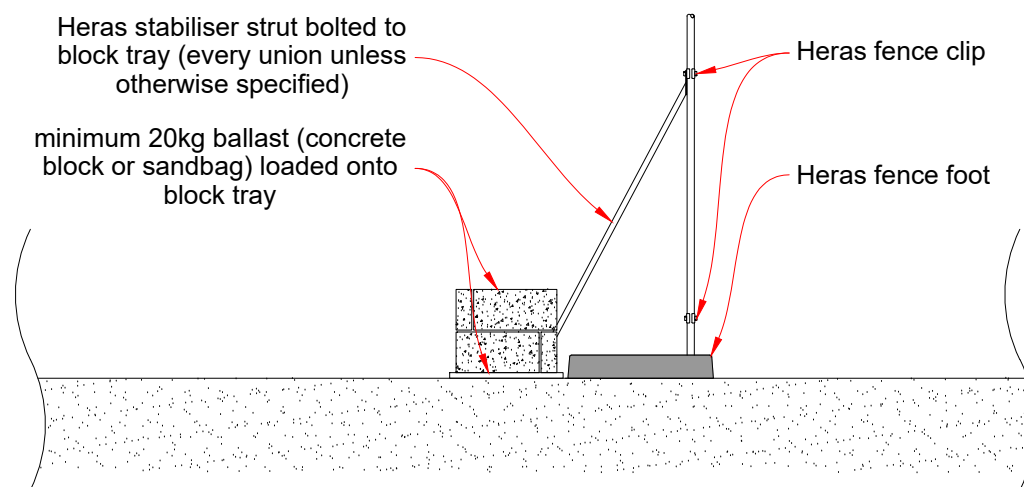


Notes

- These specifications are for guidance only.
- This fencing specification is based on the specification detailed within British Standard 5837:2012 Figure 3 but adds an additional detail for where the use of road pins is not possible.
- Stabiliser struts to be attached at every panel union unless specified otherwise.
- A check for underground services must be completed before driving any road pins into the ground.
- Where it is not possible to use road pins due to hard surfacing or the presence of underground services, a Heras block tray may be used with a minimum of 20kg of ballast (concrete blocks, metal weights or sandbags).
- This information must accompany all tender documents to enable contractors to include tree protection measures in their costings.
- Local planning authority consent for these specifications cannot be assumed and must be sought prior to commencement of any construction works.



Back Bracing Cross Section (for use where road pins may be driven into the ground)



Back Bracing Cross Section (for use where road pins cannot be driven into the ground)

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TREE PROTECTION AREA



KEEP OUT

(TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990)

TREES ENCLOSED BY THIS FENCE ARE LEGALLY PROTECTED BY PLANNING CONDITIONS AND MAY BE THE SUBJECT OF A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER.

ANY INCURSION INTO THE PROTECTED AREA MUST HAVE THE WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY.

IN CASE OF ANY DAMAGE TO PROTECTIVE FENCING OR TREES, CALL ADVANCED ARBORICULTURE ON 01395 239002.

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CAUTION



PROTECTED TREES ON SITE

- DO NOT ENTER TREE PROTECTION FENCING
- ALWAYS USE DESIGNATED STORAGE, MIXING AND PARKING AREAS
- TAKE ADDITIONAL CARE WHEN DRIVING HIGH SIDED VEHICLES
- ALWAYS USE A BANKSMAN WHEN USING HIABS, CRANES AND EXCAVATORS NEAR TREES

REPORT ANY TREE DAMAGE TO SITE MANAGER IMMEDIATELY:

Site Manager:

Office/Mobile Number:

Notes

The poster must be put up on the site office board and in the workforce welfare facilities at the commencement of construction and must remain clearly visible for the duration of the project.

The Site Manager must enter their name and mobile telephone number in the box on the poster. In the event of any accidental damage to any trees (including rooting damage), the Site Manager must contact the Arboricultural Supervisor immediately to seek further advice.

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**Site Office / H&S Board
Tree Information Poster**

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