

6.7 Implementing the tree work

Recommended tree work should be carried out by a suitably qualified, competent, experienced and insured contractor. The contractor should carry out all tree work in accordance with the guidance contained in the British Standard: *Tree Work – Recommendations* (BS 3998, 2010).

If required, Treescapes Consultancy Ltd. will obtain quotations for required tree work and oversee its implementation.

6.8 Design and construction considerations

Construction processes and site operations can adversely affect trees in many ways. Consequently, I suggest that it would be beneficial for all members of the project team to be aware of tree protection recommendations contained within this report and tree protection conditions listed on the planning consent notice and make provision for them throughout the project. To avoid unnecessary damage to retained trees I recommend that Treescapes Consultancy Ltd. should be involved throughout the project at all stages, from pre-planning to hand-over.

We are able to provide feedback at each stage of the project and carry out a supervisory role to ensure that retained trees are adequately protected.

6.9 Temporary tree protection barriers

Temporary tree protection barriers should be erected outside the RPAs and canopies of retained trees unless the trees and soil within their RPAs can be protected by other means. Plan 3 is a Tree Protection Plan that shows suggested locations of temporary tree protection barriers. These barriers must be robust enough to withstand impacts from machinery and plant that will operate close to them.

If large machines will operate on the site, I recommend the barrier design depicted in BS 5837 (2012) and reproduced in Appendix 7.

The protective barriers should be erected prior to any other development activity taking place and remain in-situ for the duration of the construction phase and should not be moved without the written consent of the LPA or until the completion of construction activity.

I recommend that suitable members of the project team, including the main contractor and Arboricultural Consultant, should prepare a definitive Tree Protection Plan showing the locations of temporary and permanent tree protection measures to be installed during the construction phase and prepare a method statement for their installation.