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Roysdean Manor Management Ltd, 5 Derby Road
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Dear Roland

RE: TREE AT ROYSDEAN MANOR, 5 DERBY ROAD, BOURNEMOUTH, BH1 3PT.

Brief:

Provide an Arboricultural Method Statement with details of construction works for the erecting of a perimeter fence in relation to the trees on the above site.

Enclosures:

Please find attached our Arboricultural Method Statement and Tree Protection Plan, all complying with the requirements of BS5837: 2012 Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction - Recommendations.

All reports and plans should be sent to the Local Planning Authority for their approval. Subsequent to approval, a copy of the Arboricultural Method Statement and Tree Protection Plan should be kept available on site *at all times* during demolition and construction for contractors use and reference purposes.

Planning Conditions:

Arboricultural Method Statement

Under the UK planning system, Local Authorities have a statutory duty to consider the protection and planting of trees when granting planning permission. This detailed Arboricultural Method Statement and accompanying Tree Protection Plan satisfy the planning condition made to protect the trees on site during the development works.

The Local Planning Authority usually requires all works to be carried out in *strict accordance with the Arboricultural Method Statement* in order that trees will not be damaged during the development works. If all the requirements and restrictions contained within the Arboricultural Method Statement are not complied with *in full*, this could invalidate the planning permission.

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Included within the Method Statement the LPA expect there to be an auditable system of arboricultural site monitoring extending to arboricultural supervision whenever development activity is to take place within or adjacent to any tree's root protection area i.e. an arboriculturally significant event.

Arboricultural Supervision:

Involvement and supervision by an Arboriculturalist would be at the start of the project, and at all arboriculturally significant events. In our experience, however, a most valuable informal meeting takes place initially prior to any site setting up, when any potential tree related problems or queries can be sorted out before impacting on site works.

Local Planning Authorities usually require a formal Pre-Commencement Meeting just before the project starts on site as a condition of granting planning permission. The Local Planning Authority Tree Officer is invited to attend this formal meeting with the Site Manager and the appointed Arboriculturalist. Please note that Local Planning Authority Tree Officers have free access to the site during site works.

After the Pre-Commencement Meeting the appointed Arboriculturalist has a duty to oversee, monitor and confirm the implementation of the tree protection measures contained within the Arboricultural Method Statement. Overseeing the project involves site meetings between the Site Manager and the Developer's Arboriculturalist taking place prior to all arboriculturally sensitive events; confirmation involves written communication to the Local Planning Authority that the implementation and maintenance of tree protection measures, as outlined within the Method Statement, are being correctly followed. The Local Planning Authority Tree Officer is invited to attend subsequent site meetings.

We recommend that an Arboriculturalist is appointed to monitor the site and a copy of your instruction is sent to the Local Planning Authority.

Please note that, should you decide to commission us to perform this role, we will require a separate and specific instruction from you; *invoicing for site monitoring and site supervision including any meetings will be in addition to that for the enclosed report and plan.*

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us

Yours sincerely

Ivan Hinsley
Arboriculturist

ARBORICULTURAL METHOD STATEMENT

FOR

ROYSDEAN MANOR, 5 DERBY ROAD, BOURNEMOUTH, BH1 3PT.

Dated 19th AUGUST 2025

***TO BE DISPLAYED PROMINENTLY ON SITE AND BROUGHT TO THE
ATTENTION OF ALL CONTRACTORS AND SUB CONTRACTORS***

To be used in conjunction with drawings:

Tree Protection Plan No. 7741TP

Note: This Arboricultural Method Statement (when approved by the Local Planning Authority) is an official document and the methods outlined are to be followed in their entirety as a condition of the granted planning application.

It is to be held by the Site Supervisor and be available on site at all times for contractors' site use and reference purposes.

Arboricultural Supervision is required by the Local Planning Authority. We recommend the Arboricultural Consultant be contacted for an informal site meeting prior to the erection of any tree protection measures to clarify any issues regarding trees and ensure all aspects of the tree protection process is understood and agreed.

As site supervision is required by the Local Planning Authority, a **Pre-Commencement Meeting**, to which the Local Planning Authority Tree Officer will be invited, happens post the erection of tree protection measures. The meeting's purpose is to check tree protection measures and confirm methods to be used to protect trees and their root systems.

Other site meetings may be required before the commencement of all other **arboriculturally significant events**.

1. Tree work

1.1. There is no tree work to be undertaken before commencement of construction within the site.

2. Tree Protection Barriers

2.1. There is no requirement for tree protection barriers.

3. Ground protection

3.1 Ground protection that is to be constructed to protect the roots is to be constructed in line with Figure 4. The ground guards would need to be either scaffolding boards or heavy-duty external use plywood which should be secured together. An example of compressible material is composted wood chip.

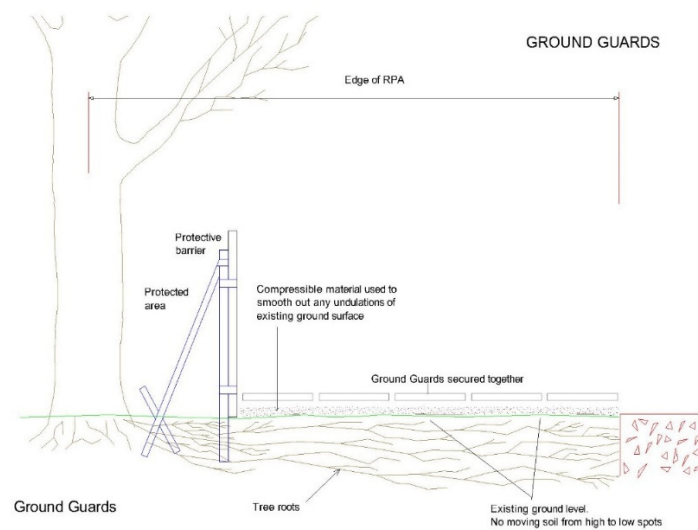


Figure 4

3.2 These ground guards are to be used in areas where there is a need to protect roots within the RPA. If there is the requirement for activity within the RPA, this will also need to be in place if using machinery that exceeds 1.5 tonnes within the marked area.

3.3 There is no need for the protective barrier during construction.

3.4 The ground guards can be used from one post site to the next post site and on without the requirement for on site supervision. A photograph emailed to the supervising arboriculturist is proof enough.

4 Site Organisation: Additional Precautions in relation to retained trees

4.1 The following are to be taken into consideration to ensure retained trees and their canopies or root systems are not damaged by site operations.

Site works and deliveries, especially tall or wide loads.

Space required for construction access, materials storage, cement mixing

Plant with booms, jibs or counterweights

Need for supervision by a banksman to assist operators to avoid damage to tree canopies

4.2 Additionally: Fires on site will be avoided. If unavoidable, fires will not be lit where heat could affect foliage or branches, and fires should be attended at all times until safe enough to leave.

5 Avoiding Physical damage to tree roots during Demolition and/or Construction - General

5.1 Tree root protection areas are to be adequately protected against damage by the use of ground guards as indicated in the paragraphs above.

6 Fence construction.

6.1 All fence post excavation and the erection of the fence should be done from the pavement side and on the hard surfacing as much as possible. Where this is not possible the ground guard construction in Figure 4 should be used.

6.2 The post holes should be hand dug to a depth of 600mm and then a mechanical auger can be used to finish off the post holes to the required depth. No roots larger than 25mm should be severed without consultation with the project arborist or local authority tree officer, and if this is authorised, it should be done with a sharp implement to prevent tearing

6.3 The position of a post hole will need to be adjusted if it is found that an important structural root dissects the post hole and cannot be severed.

6.4 When backfilling the post holes with concrete, the post holes should be lined with a watertight liner that will prevent the leaching out of any compounds. Cement is a calcareous compound which has the ability to modify the pH of the surrounding soil to a level that has the potential to cause harm to the trees, which is why it needs to be contained.

7 Landscape Works.

7.1 Levels will not be changed within tree root protection areas. However, topsoil that is free of contaminants and injurious materials, etc, may be spread to a maximum depth of 150mm within tree root protection areas to marry existing levels if required. Any proposed changes in levels require an additional Arboricultural Method Statement to ensure tree roots are protected.

7.2 No works are to be carried out if the soil is waterlogged or sufficiently moist that soil compaction may occur.

7.3 Herbicides are to be appropriate for the intended use with care taken to avoid any damaging effects. It is *important* that the spraying is not performed during times of *drought*; any chemicals landing on the soil will *not biodegrade* within the soil and could thus reach roots of plants to be retained, resulting in consequent herbicide damage.

8 Variation

8.1 Should working procedures require any variations to the above Method Statement, they will be dealt with by a site meeting to which the Local Planning Authority's Arboriculturalist will be invited to attend and, if agreed, they will be confirmed in writing prior to implementation.

8.2 No such variation will be undertaken until it has been approved by the Local Planning Authority and confirmed to them in writing.