

ARBORICULTURAL COMPLIANCE SUBMISSION

Planning Conditions 13 & 15

**Former Ambulance Station
Cemetery Road, Ramsbottom, Bury, BL0 9PU**

Planning Application: 73410
Arboricultural Method Statement: 2524_AMS.03
Prepared for: HOME Group NW Ltd
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Supporting photographic record of RPA protection and cellular confinement works

1. Purpose of Submission

This document provides a consolidated arboricultural compliance record for Planning Conditions 13 and 15 attached to planning permission 73410 for the redevelopment of the Former Ambulance Station, Cemetery Road, Ramsbottom, Bury, BL0 9PU.

It should be read alongside the approved Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS) prepared by Lally Tree Management Limited, report 2524_AMS.03 dated 18 June 2026, and the Tree Protection Plan 2524_TPP.03 contained within that document.

The submission records the implementation of tree protection measures around the retained T9 Sycamore and T8 Pedunculate Oak, together with the installation sequence for the cellular confinement system associated with the driveway encroachment into the RPA of T8.

Condition 13 includes an ongoing requirement for approved protection measures to remain in place until development is complete. Accordingly, this submission seeks confirmation that the pre-commencement / implementation requirements have been met; the continuing protection obligations will remain in force for the duration required by the condition. Condition 15 relates specifically to implementation of the cellular confinement system in accordance with AMS section 3.7.

2. Relevant Planning Conditions

2.1 Condition 13 - Tree Protection

"All trees to be retained on site shall be protected in accordance with BS 5837:2012 "Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction" and in accordance with the approved Arboricultural Method Statement 2524_AMS.03. The development shall not commence unless and until the measures required by the British Standard and the approved Arboricultural Method Statement are implemented and all measures required shall remain in situ until the development has been completed."

2.2 Condition 15 - Cellular Confinement System

"The Cellular Confinement System shall be implemented in accordance with section 3.7 of the approved Arboricultural Method Statement 2524_AMS.03."

3. Approved Arboricultural Requirements

The approved AMS establishes the sequence of arboricultural protection works and an auditable monitoring process. The principal requirements relevant to this submission are summarised below.

- Protective fencing to be erected in the positions shown on the Tree Protection Plan, with warning signage and exclusion of storage or operations from protected areas (AMS 3.5).
- Ground protection to be used where access is required in sensitive root areas, using suitable interlinked protection boards / hard boards and cushioning material as specified by the AMS (AMS 3.6).
- A cellular confinement system to be used for the driveway where it enters the RPA of T8 Pedunculate Oak (AMS 3.7).
- The cellular confinement sequence includes limited surface levelling, open-graded aggregate where necessary, a base geotextile with overlaps, extension of the confinement cells, filling with 4/20 or 20/40 aggregate and construction of the permeable finished surface (AMS 3.7.4).
- An auditable site-monitoring record is to be maintained, including sign-off of protective fencing / ground protection and installation of the T8 cellular confinement system (AMS 3.11 and Appendix II).

4. Compliance Record

Requirement	Evidence provided	Status / observation	Reference
T9 Sycamore RPA protection	Batch 1 photographs	Photographs record the retained tree, protected zone / fencing and the relationship of excavation works outside the retained protection area.	Appendix A
T8 Pedunculate Oak RPA protection	Batch 2 photographs	Photographs record RPA marking, retained tree, fencing / warning signage and ground protection measures around the Oak.	Appendix B
Cellular confinement to T8 driveway RPA	Batch 3 photographs	Photographs record base geotextile, expanded cellular confinement, filling with open-graded stone and completed filled cells.	Appendix C
Auditable site monitoring / sign-off	AMS Appendix II sheet reproduced	Sheet provided for completion / confirmation by the Project Arboriculturist and Site Manager. No signature or date has been invented in this submission.	Appendix D

5. Condition 13 - Tree Protection Evidence

5.1 T9 Sycamore

Batch 1 provides the photographic record for the retained Sycamore identified as T9 in the approved AMS. The images show the tree retained behind protective fencing and the protected area separated from the principal excavation / construction zone. The sequence also records the cut ground level and exposed excavation face outside the protected tree area.

The photographs are submitted as evidence of implementation and maintenance of the protection arrangement. They do not replace the Project Arboriculturist's inspection and sign-off required by AMS section 3.11.

5.2 T8 Pedunculate Oak

Batch 2 provides the photographic record for T8 Pedunculate Oak. The sequence records the RPA / working boundary marked on the ground, the retained Oak, protective fencing and warning signage, and subsequent installation of protective / permeable working construction around the tree.

The images demonstrate that the Oak has been treated as a retained tree constraint throughout the relevant operations. Final confirmation of compliance remains subject to the Project Arboriculturist completing the AMS monitoring/sign-off record.

6. Condition 15 - Cellular Confinement System

Batch 3 records the cellular confinement construction within the T8 driveway/RPA zone. The photographic sequence shows a geotextile layer laid over the prepared formation, the cellular confinement system opened and extended across the working area, open-graded aggregate placed into the cells, and the confinement matrix visible through the completed aggregate infill.

This sequence corresponds with the construction principle in AMS section 3.7.4. The photographs provide visual evidence of the installation sequence; they cannot, by themselves, verify manufacturer/product certification, geotextile

mass/CBR rating, aggregate grading or compaction plant weight. Any such product or delivery information should be retained within the site file and supplied to the Local Planning Authority if specifically requested.

7. Submission Statement

On the basis of the approved AMS and the photographic evidence appended to this submission, the required tree-protection measures and the T8 cellular confinement works have been implemented on site in the areas recorded. It is requested that the Local Planning Authority confirms that the implementation requirements associated with Conditions 13 and 15 are satisfied, subject to the ongoing obligation under Condition 13 to maintain the required protective measures until completion of the development.

The AMS Appendix II auditable monitoring sheet is reproduced at Appendix D so that the relevant stages can be formally dated and signed by the Project Arboriculturist and Site Manager. A completed signed copy should accompany, or follow, this photographic record where required by the Local Planning Authority.

Appendix A - Batch 1: T9 Sycamore RPA / Protection Record

Photographic record supplied by the developer showing the T9 Sycamore protection area and adjacent excavation / site works.



Photo 1: Initial view of the retained Sycamore and the marked protection / working boundary prior to the later excavation sequence.



Photo 2: Alternative view of the retained Sycamore and marked protected area before excavation works in the adjoining construction zone.



Photo 3: Excavated construction area adjacent to retained tree protection zone; temporary fencing separates the tree area from the excavation.



Photo 4: Wide view showing the retained Sycamore behind the protected area and the excavation face outside the fenced zone.



Photo 5: Excavation geometry around the retained tree area, with temporary fencing positioned along the upper edge of the protected zone.



Photo 6: Closer view of the Sycamore and temporary protective fencing above the excavation face.



Photo 7: Retained Sycamore with protective fencing, warning tape and controlled access around the tree-protection area.



Photo 8: Retained Sycamore enclosed by temporary fencing with tree-protection warning signage visible.



Photo 9: Controlled route / working area adjacent to the retained tree zone with temporary fencing maintained.



Photo 10: Further view of the excavated construction zone and retained tree-protection boundary.

Appendix B - Batch 2: T8 Pedunculate Oak RPA / Ground Protection Record

Photographic record supplied by the developer showing the T8 Oak RPA marking and subsequent tree-protection / permeable working construction.



Photo 11: High-level view of T8 Pedunculate Oak with the RPA / working boundary marked on the prepared ground.



Photo 12: Ground-level view of the marked RPA / construction interface around T8 Oak.



Photo 13: RPA / protection line marked in relation to the T8 Oak stem and adjacent construction area.



Photo 14: Open-graded aggregate working layer installed adjacent to T8, with protective fencing and warning signage maintained.



Photo 15: Interlinked ground-protection boards positioned around the Oak stem with aggregate working layer beyond.



Photo 16: Completed protected area around T8 showing fencing / warning signage, ground-protection boards and permeable aggregate working surface.

Appendix C - Batch 3: Cellular Confinement Construction - T8 Driveway/RPA

Photographic record of the cellular confinement installation associated with the driveway encroachment into the RPA of T8, as required by Condition 15 and AMS section 3.7.



Photo 17: Base geotextile laid over the prepared formation with cellular confinement expanded across the defined area; tree-protection fencing remains in place.



Photo 18: Cellular confinement system substantially filled with open-graded aggregate, with confinement matrix visible at the surface.



Photo 19: Installation-stage view showing geotextile beneath the expanded confinement cells before aggregate infill.



Photo 20: Timestamped close view showing the cellular confinement matrix filled with open-graded aggregate.



Photo 21: Filled cellular confinement adjacent to T8 Oak, with open-graded aggregate placed through and over the cell matrix.



Photo 22: General completed installation view showing the cellular matrix visible within the aggregate surface beneath the Oak canopy.

Appendix D - Auditable Site Monitoring / Sign-Off Sheet

The following table reproduces the monitoring stages set out in Appendix II of approved AMS 2524_AMS.03. It is intentionally left unsigned where no signed inspection record has been supplied. The Project Arboriculturist and Site Manager should complete the relevant entries.

Tree Number	Task	Date Completed	Signed (Project Arboriculturist)	Notes	Signed (Site Manager)
Site	Pre-commencement site meeting				
See section 3.3	Tree pruning & removal sign off				
Site	Installation of protective fencing and ground protection sign off				
T8	Installation of cellular confinement system sign off				
	Completion of Construction				
T9, G10, T11, T12	Removal of fencing around T9 to T12 and construction of decking area sign off.				
Site	Removal of protective fencing and sign off from Project Arboriculturist				

Document References

- Bury Metropolitan Borough Council - Notice of Planning Permission, Application 73410, decision dated 2 September 2026.
- Lally Tree Management Limited - Arboricultural Method Statement, report 2524_AMS.03, dated 18 June 2026.
- Lally Tree Management Limited - Tree Protection Plan 2524_TPP.03, dated 18 June 2026.
- BS 5837:2012 - Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations.

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