

ARBORICULTURAL METHOD STATEMENT

This method statement has been produced from current guidelines BS5837:2012 Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction recommendations.

If in doubt on any issues relating to the retention and protection of the existing trees on site please contact TPM Landscape (project arboriculturalist) on 0161 235 0600 or the Tree Officer at Wakefield Council.

The appointed contractor should consider and follow these recommendations whilst working on the project. The appointed contractor must consult a qualified arboriculturalist who will oversee any critical operations close to the existing trees and make checks to ensure that the tree protection fence and working methods as described below are adhered to.

TREE WORKS

All tree works should be carried out by a qualified arborist prior to any construction works starting on site. Only carry out trees works which are shown on the planning approved drawing, any further works that need to be carried out require written approval from the local authority and should be advised by the project arboriculturalist.

Areas of scrub, bracken and bramble should be strimmed to 0.1m in Sept-October and the arisings removed to discourage hedgehogs and amphibians from settling in this area prior to heavy machinery entering the site and the full clearance works begin.

Tree works should be carried out outside of the bird nesting season (typically March-August) unless the trees and scrub has been surveyed by a qualified ecologist to look for active bird nests. If identified the area should be left undisturbed and fenced off (inline with ecologists recommendations) until the chicks have fledged.

FENCE INSTALLATION

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All trees as shown to be retained on the approved plan should be protected by a tree protection fence before any materials or machinery are brought onto the site, and before any demolition, development or stripping of topsoil commences. Please refer to drawing for location of fencing and Figures 1 & 2 for the specification of the Tree Protection Fence.

All-weather notices should be attached to the barrier with words such as: "TREE PROTECTION AREA KEEP OUT", please refer to Figure 3 for an example of signage.

It should be confirmed by the project arboriculturalist and if requested in the planning conditions the tree officer at Wakefield Council that the barriers have been correctly set out on site, prior to the commencement of any operations.

The protected area should be regarded as sacrosanct, and, once installed barriers (unless identified on the drawing) should not be removed or altered without prior approval by the project arboriculturalist and/ or Wakefield Council.

Fires on sites should be avoided if possible where there are existing trees. Where they are unavoidable, they should not be lit in a position where heat could affect foliage or branches. The potential size of a fire and the wind direction should be taken into account when determining its location, and it should be attended at all times until safe enough to leave.

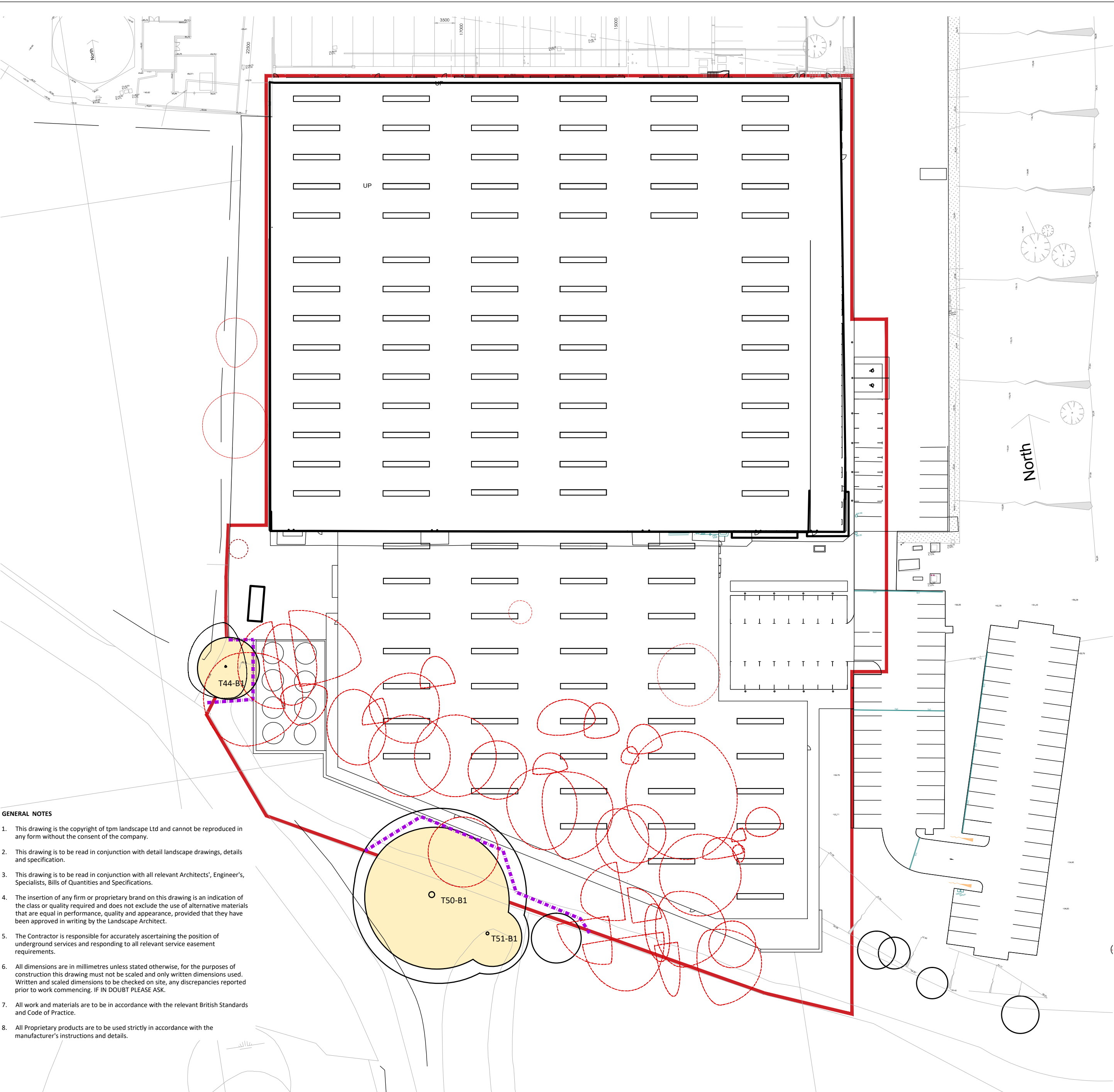
Any materials whose accidental spillage would cause damage to a tree should be stored and handled well away from the outer edge of its RPA.

EXCAVATIONS WITHIN RPA

Where excavations works for footpaths fall on the edge of the RPA then these should be carried out by a competent contractor with an understanding of trees. Any excavations close to trees should be carried out from within the main body of the site working in (and away) from the Machinery should not encroach into the RPA and protected by the fencing.

For any trees which require excavations within the the RPA then water the tree a few days before works are carried out, making sure the ground is moist within the drip line of the tree (only required during the growing season).

Excavations can be carried out with a mechanical digger however these must be supervised by a grounds man to signal if tree roots >40mm are exposed. If roots are identified on site which encroach into the area to be excavated then these must be cut. Ensure cuts are done with hand tools that will make clean, quick cuts (ie.chain saw or axe), at no points should roots be ripped or dragged out by a mechanical digger. Make sure cut roots are covered with loose soil or woodchips as soon as possible.



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7. All work and materials are to be in accordance with the relevant British Standards and Code of Practice.
8. All Proprietary products are to be used strictly in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and details.

LEGEND

- Existing Tree to be Retained**
Trees to be retained and protected in line with BS5837:2012.
- Existing Tree to be Removed**
- Root Protection Area**
In line with BS5837:2012
- Proposed Tree Protection Fence**
To be installed prior to any enabling works on site and to remain in position during construction of proposed building and landscape works.

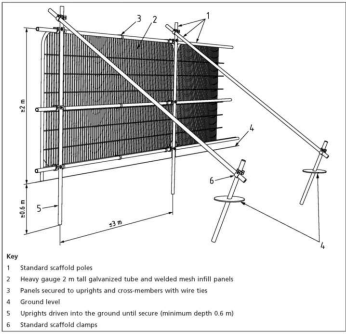


Figure 1

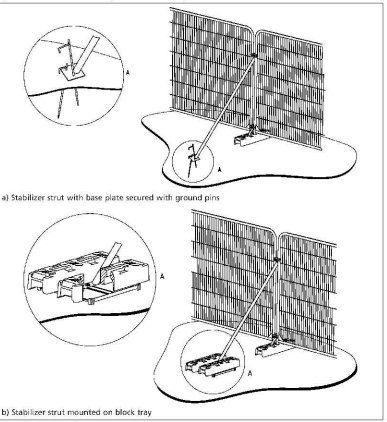


Figure 2



Figure 3

REVISION NOTES

Rev	By	Description	Date

Client
Horizon/ Fletcher Rae

Project
Pilworth Industrial Estate Extension

Description
Tree protection and retention plan

Status
For Approval

Scale @ A2
1:500

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103

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