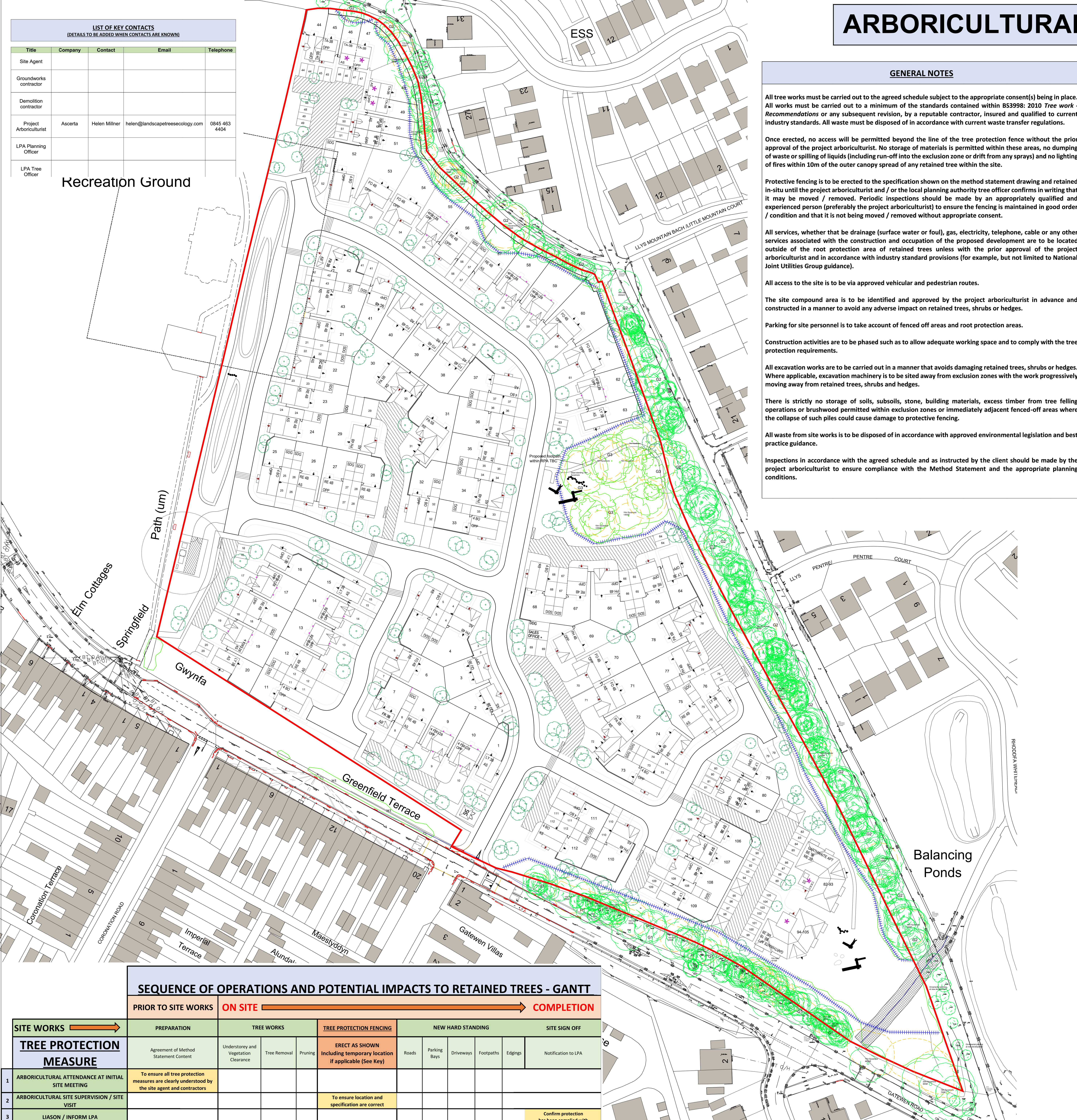




ARBORICULTURAL METHOD STATEMENT

GENERAL NOTES

All tree works must be carried out to the agreed schedule subject to the appropriate consent(s) being in place. All works must be carried out to a minimum of the standards contained within BS3998: 2010 Tree work - Recommendations or any subsequent revision, by a reputable contractor, insured and qualified to current industry standards. All waste must be disposed of in accordance with current waste transfer regulations.

Once erected, no access will be permitted beyond the line of the tree protection fence without the prior approval of the project arboriculturist. No storage of materials is permitted within these areas, no dumping of waste or spilling of liquids (including run-off into the exclusion zone or drift from any sprays) and no lighting of fires within 10m of the outer canopy spread of any retained tree within the site.

Protective fencing is to be erected to the specification shown on the method statement drawing and retained in-situ until the project arboriculturist and / or the local planning authority tree officer confirms in writing that it may be moved / removed. Periodic inspections should be made by an appropriately qualified and experienced person (preferably the project arboriculturist) to ensure the fencing is maintained in good order / condition and that it is not being moved / removed without appropriate consent.

All services, whether that be drainage (surface water or foul), gas, electricity, telephone, cable or any other services associated with the construction and occupation of the proposed development are to be located outside of the root protection area of retained trees unless with the prior approval of the project arboriculturist and in accordance with industry standard provisions (for example, but not limited to National Joint Utilities Group guidance).

All access to the site is to be via approved vehicular and pedestrian routes.

The site compound area is to be identified and approved by the project arboriculturist in advance and constructed in a manner to avoid any adverse impact on retained trees, shrubs or hedges.

Parking for site personnel is to take account of fenced off areas and root protection areas.

Construction activities are to be phased such as to allow adequate working space and to comply with the tree protection requirements.

All excavation works are to be carried out in a manner that avoids damaging retained trees, shrubs or hedges. Where applicable, excavation machinery is to be sited away from exclusion zones with the work progressively moving away from retained trees, shrubs and hedges.

There is strictly no storage of soils, subsoils, stone, building materials, excess timber from tree felling operations or brushwood permitted within exclusion zones or immediately adjacent fenced-off areas where the collapse of such piles could cause damage to protective fencing.

All waste from site works is to be disposed of in accordance with approved environmental legislation and best practice guidance.

Inspections in accordance with the agreed schedule and as instructed by the client should be made by the project arboriculturist to ensure compliance with the Method Statement and the appropriate planning conditions.

IMPORTANT

As a requirement of Wrexham County Borough Council department of Planning, this arboricultural / tree protection method statement has been prepared to clearly define the actions and measures to be taken in respect of the physical protection of retained trees within and immediately adjacent the proposed development site, in advance of, during and after the completion of the construction phase of the development.

The purpose of this method statement is to discharge conditions 11 and 12 of the Planning Consent Notice dated 15th February 2021 under planning application reference P/2018/0674, and which read as follows:

- 11) No part of the development shall commence until a detailed Arboricultural Method Statement has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. No development or other operations shall take place except in strict accordance with the Method Statement as is approved. The Method Statement shall include the following:
- a) A specification for tree protection fencing and ground protection measures that comply with British Standard BS5837:2012;
 - b) A Tree Protection Plan showing the location of the trees to be removed and retained with their crown spreads, Root Protection Areas, Construction Exclusion Zones, and location of protective fencing and ground protection measures accurately plotted;
 - c) A full specification for any access, driveway, path, underground services or wall foundations within retained tree Root Protection Areas or Construction Exclusion Zone, including any related sections and method for avoiding damage to retained trees;
 - d) Details of general Arboricultural matters including proposed practices with regards to cement mixing, material storage and fires;
 - e) Details of the frequency of supervisory visits and procedures for notifying the findings of such visits to the Local Planning Authority;
 - f) Details of all proposed tree works, including felling and pruning.

12) No part of the development shall commence until full details for the Arboricultural supervision of tree protection measures and any ground works within retained tree(s) Root Protection Areas, as specified by BS5837:2012 or as shown on a Tree Protection Plan have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The supervisory works shall be carried out in strict accordance with the details as approved.

Any deviation from this statement, whether intended or inadvertent, may result in a breach of planning condition(s) and enforcement action may be taken.

All relevant legislation must be taken into consideration prior to the commencement of any works on site, particularly in relation to works to trees. Where statutory controls apply, including Tree Preservation Orders, Conservation Areas, the requirement for a Felling Licence, relevant planning conditions or any statute relating to wildlife protection or protected species, those both instructing and carrying out works that directly or indirectly affect trees must first satisfy themselves that all appropriate consents are in place or that notifications have been served and that statutory timescales have elapsed. Failure to do so is likely to result in enforcement action involving in some cases, criminal prosecution and substantial fines, as well as the potential cessation of all works on site until any and all breaches are fully rectified to the satisfaction of the local planning authority.

The contents of this statement in no way constitutes an instruction to proceed with any works without the full written consent of the relevant local planning authority.

NOTE: Should any queries arise over the content of this document or there be a need for works within or immediately adjacent the Root Protection Areas, the appointed site arborist MUST be contacted for advice in advance. Failure to follow the measures contained within this document could lead to enforcement action being taken.

NOTE TO LOCAL AUTHORITY: This document does not imply that Ascerta has been retained to oversee, supervise or manage any aspect of the tree protection proposals at any stage of the development.

Any queries in relation to this document should be referred in the first instance to Ascerta by telephone on 0845 463 4404 or alternatively by email at info@landscapetreescology.com

TREE WORK RECOMMENDATIONS – RETAINED TREES

T.NO	SPECIES	HT (m)	STEM DBH (mm)	TREE WORKS	CAT GRADE
G1	Ash, Hawthorn	15	#100-550	Crown lift to 3m within site. Remove poor specimen and any dead standing trees from within understorey. Reduce canopy line away from plots as necessary.	B2
G2	Sycamore, Ash, Hawthorn, Elm, Holly	18	#100-600	Crown lift to 3m within site. Remove poor specimen and any dead standing trees from within understorey. Reduce canopy line away from plots as necessary.	A2
G3	Sycamore, Hawthorn, Ash, Elder	17	#300-750	Crown lift to 3m. Remove dead standing trees from group as specified of plan.	B2

SEQUENCE OF OPERATIONS AND POTENTIAL IMPACTS TO RETAINED TREES - GANTT

SITE WORKS		ON SITE							COMPLETION
TREE PROTECTION MEASURE		PREPARATION	TREE WORKS		TREE PROTECTION FENCING	NEW HARD STANDING			SITE SIGN OFF
1 ARBORICULTURAL ATTENDANCE AT INITIAL SITE MEETING		Agreement of Method Statement Content	Understorey and Vegetation Clearance	Tree Removal	ERECT AS SHOWN Including temporary location if applicable (See Key)	Roads	Parking Bays	Driveways	Notification to LPA
2 ARBORICULTURAL SITE SUPERVISION / SITE VISIT		To ensure all tree protection measures are clearly understood by the site agent and contractors			To ensure location and specification are correct				
3 LIASON / INFORM LPA									Confirm protection has been complied with

DO NOT SCALE

KEY

- Existing tree to be retained
- Extent of Root Protection Area for retained trees in accordance with BS5837: 2012 Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations
- Proposed location of protective fencing - see inset for type / construction detail

ADVISED FENCING SIGNAGE

! TREE PROTECTION AREA KEEP OUT!

Laminated copies of the above sign (or similar if approved by the project arboriculturist) are to be attached to the outside of the protective fencing at 4m intervals such that they are clearly visible to site personnel.

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Updated to "BHNW130 Gatewen Road Master" 11/05/22

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REV DESCRIPTION DATE

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