

Rear of 92 - 96 Southampton Street Reading RG12 QX

Arboricultural Method Statement

in relation to the protection of existing trees on and adjacent to site

Introduction:

This Method Statement is intended to ensure the protection of trees during the construction of 7 new dwellings to the rear of 92-96 Southampton Street, Reading, RG1 2QX.

The method statement should be used in conjunction with the associated planning drawings and the appended landscaping plan in relation to the consented application ref.

All works detailed in this method statement are to be undertaken to current best practice and in line with recommendations contained in BS5837:2012 and BS3998:2010 (if works to trees are to be undertaken).

Site

The consented development is for a new dwelling on the end of terrace house. The overall site area is approximately 610 sq.m .

On the site there are a few mature trees and hedges, a reasonable proportion are proposed to be removed following consent of application 1 6 0 5 7 1. The main retained trees that require protect are illustrated on the diagram below, it demonstrates the proximity of the trees in relation to the new building and the proposed tree protection measures.

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Timetable:

1. Main contractor to be aware of all tree protection measures to be implemented and to ensure that this statement and appended plans are available on site and adhered to.
2. Erection of protective fencing as indicative in appendix 1.
3. Contractor to ensure protective fencing in place. Photographic evidence that the protective fencing is in place to be provided to the local authority prior to commencement of works.
4. Construction phase.
5. Landscaping (in accordance with the approved landscaping plan).
6. Tree protection fencing removed.

Once erected all protective fencing will be regarded as sacrosanct and will remain in place until the completion of the construction phase. It shall not be removed, relocated or breached at any time without approval of the local authority



Protective fencing will be constructed of robust barriers fit for the purpose of excluding construction traffic from root protection areas. Details of appropriate fencing types are demonstrated in appendix 1

Signs will be affixed to every third panel stating, 'Tree Protection Area Keep Out'. See Appendix 2.

All fencing will be securely affixed to avoid movement of fencing during the construction phase.

Fencing will be constructed off site from 'Heras' type which must be securely braced with additional measures to prevent movement of the fence during construction. Positions for protective fencing are indicated on the appended landscaping plan

Construction Phase:

A position for a tree Protection Fence is indicated on the Landscaping Plan An indicative list of recommended practices during construction phase is listed below:

Once installed tree protection must remain in place and be observed at all times.

No fires within 10m of the crown of any retained trees.

Soil levels in rooting areas to be retained with minimal level changes, no greater increases than 300mm from existing levels.

No cement mixing/washout to take place within 15m of any retained trees.

No chemicals, bitumen etc. to be stored within 10m of any retained trees.

Any spillage of fuel, chemicals or contaminated water occurring within 2m of the root protection areas to be reported to project supervisor.

No additional underground services have been shown however all services are able to be routed outside of the RPA's and the tree protection zone. The soakaway is to be built outside of the tree protection zone as shown on the appended landscaping plan.

Should any work within the tree protection zone need to be carried out then this should not take place without the prior approval of the local authority arboriculturist.

Appendix 1.

Figure 2 Default specification for protective barrier

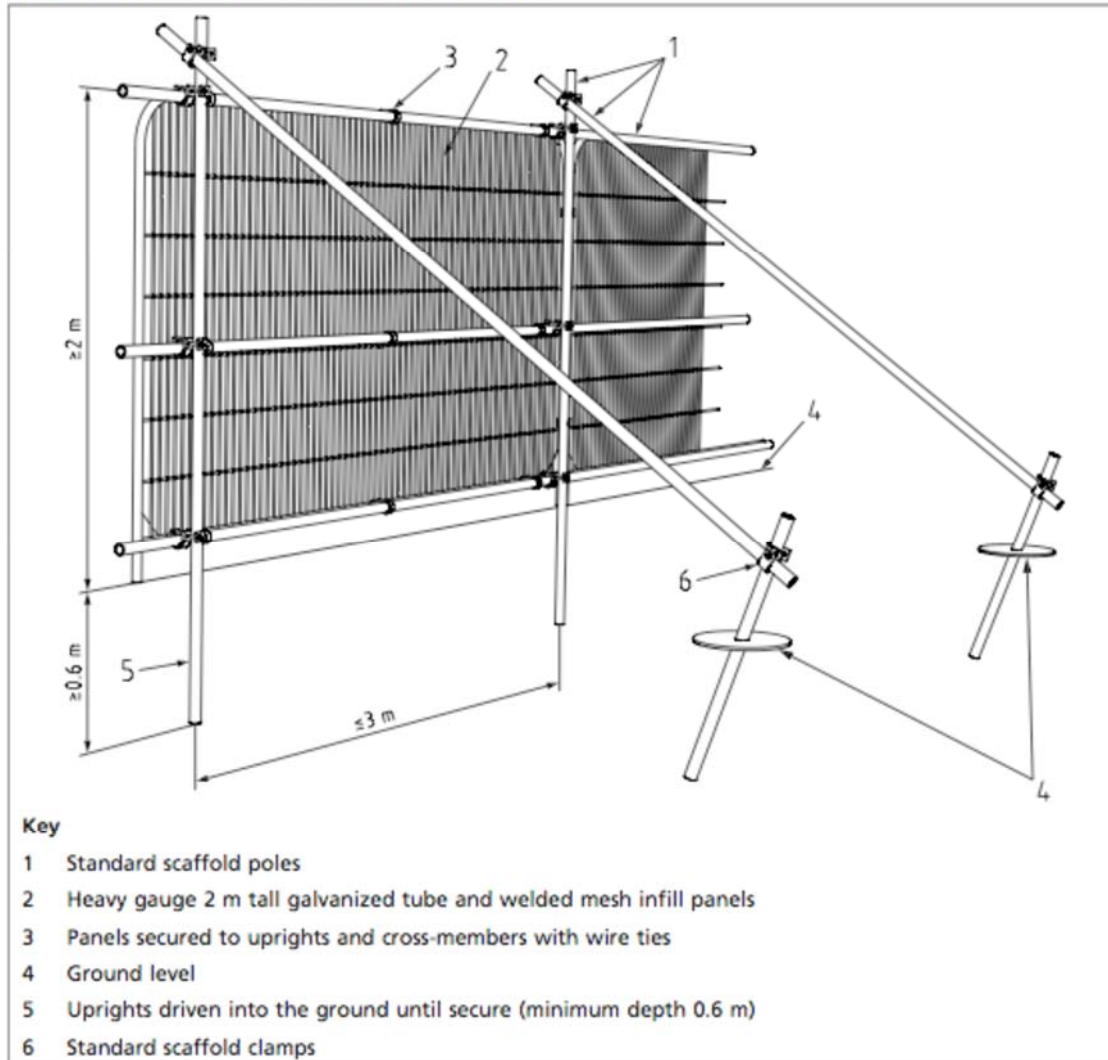
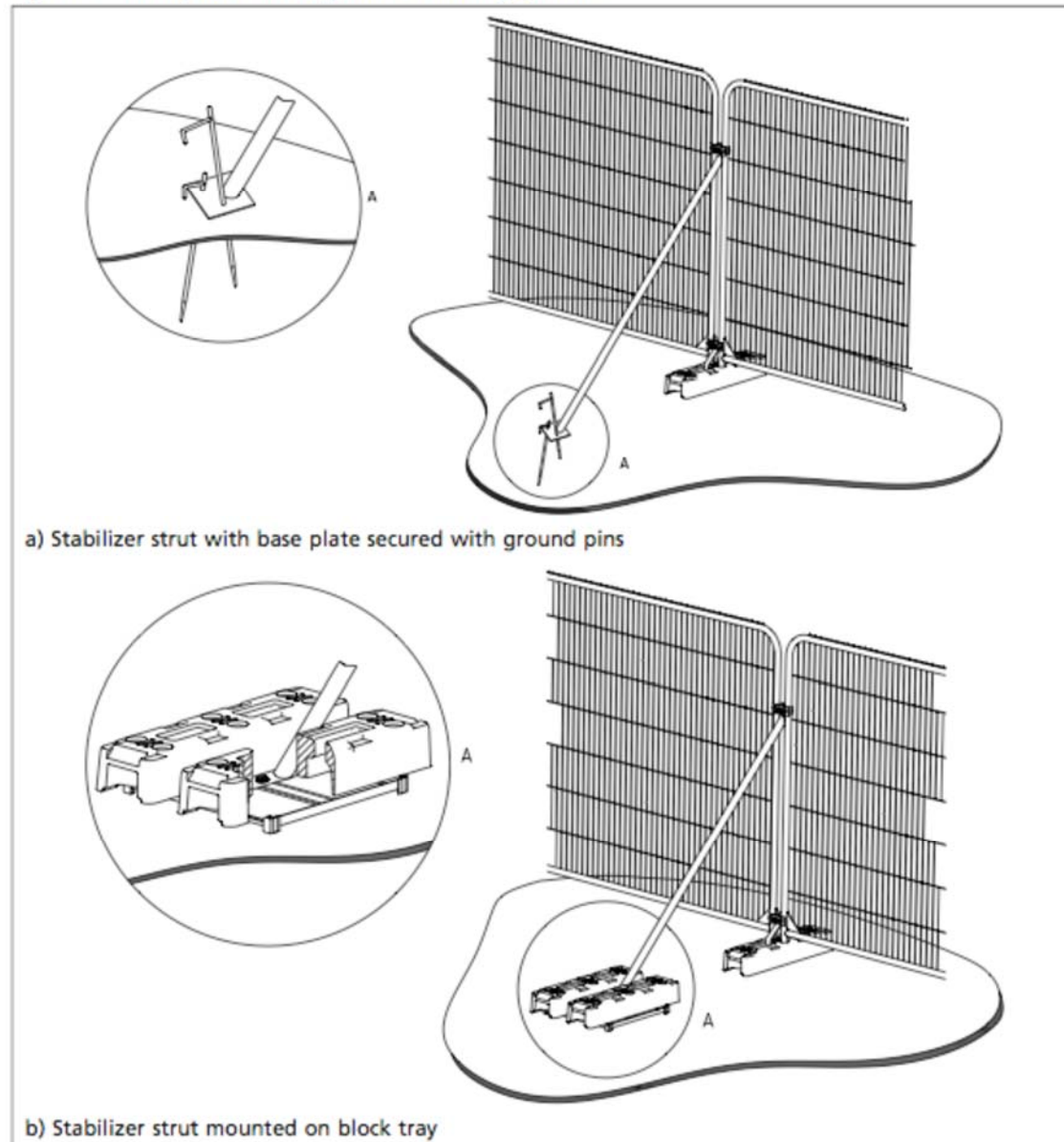


Figure 3 Examples of above-ground stabilizing systems





TREE PROTECTION AREA

KEEP OUT!

**ANY INCURSION INTO THE PROTECTED AREA MUST BE WITH THE
AGREEMENT OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY OR ARBORICULTURAL
CONSULTANT**