

Record of Site Inspection No.1

Southcote Primary School, Silchester Rd, Reading,
RG30 3EJ

Planning Application No. 140268



Address	Southcote Primary School, Silchester Rd, Reading, RG30 3EJ		
Client	Galliford Try Construction (UK) Ltd	Client Ref	3122000480
Our Ref	D0812141458	Consultant	Brian Higginson Dip.Arb(RFS) M.Arbor.A
Report Date	28 May 2015	Quality Checked	
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2.0 Site / Client Details

CLIENT BRIEF: To discharge the primary tree protection conditions of planning consent once full consent is granted (subject to a Section 106 agreement). The Planning Committee report from a meeting held 12th November 2014 recommended a planning condition No.12: An arboricultural method statement to be produced pre-commencement. The report will provide detailed tree protection methods for the most effective retention and protection of all the approved trees to be retained.

SITE: Southcote Primary School, Silchester Rd, Reading, RG30 3EJ

MT Ref: **D0812141458**

INSTRUCTION DATE: 5th December 2014

APPLICATION NO: **141380/REG3**

APPROVAL PROPOSAL: Two new build teaching block extensions, extension to front of school, plus associated external works including new staff car park and pedestrian accesses from Shepley Drive and Silchester Road.

APPROVED CONDITIONS: No.12: An arboricultural method statement (pre-commencement)

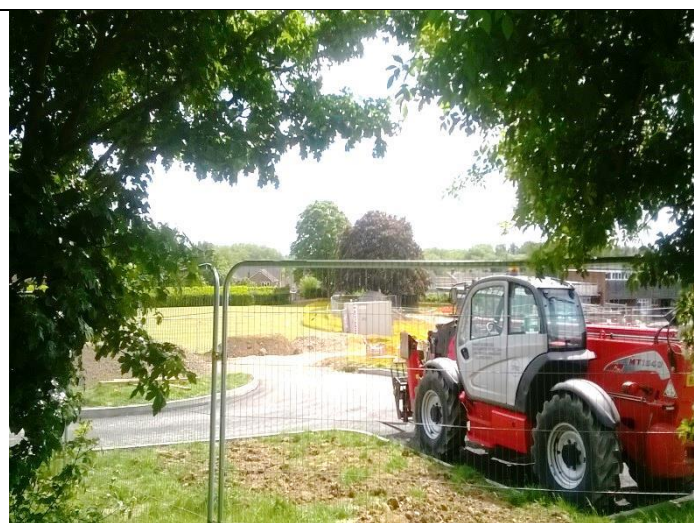
3.0 Observations / Findings

- 3.1 The site was visited on 22nd May 2015 to review the installation of tree protection fencing. Early phasing of the construction had begun.
- 3.2 The tree protection fencing was laid out in accordance with the Tree Protection Plan, and suitable for this stage of site ownership (as highlighted on the approved CMP). The fencing was re-enforced with pinned side struts, in accordance with BS5837:2012.
- 3.3 Work had not yet started within the RPA of trees highlighted for 'no-dig' surfaces, and this is programmed for the summer break. Brian Higginson will liaise with the site manager nearer the time.

4.0 Photographs



Site hoarding acting as tree protection.



Herras fencing located around site, and in accordance with the approved method statement.

5.0 Recommendations

5.1 As soon as work commences within the RPA of any retained trees, it is recommended that the Innovation Environmental Services arboricultural consultant is notified and his advice sought.

6.0 Conclusion

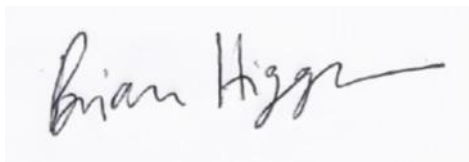
6.2 Work on site has been established in accordance with the Arboricultural SSMS and Tree Protection Plan. The excavation was carried out with care to avoid any soil compaction or possible root damage.

6.3 If any arboricultural issues arise during the development, the Environmental Services arboricultural consultant should be contacted and a site visit arranged.

7.0 Future Visit Dates

Construction Constraint Description	Site Supervision required	Visit Sequence	Date / Visit stage	Status
Establishment & Protection of Root Protection Areas (RPA) within Construction Exclusion Zones (CEZ) for retained trees by Installation of secured and signed tree protection fencing	Yes	Visit 1	Prior to site clearance	22 nd May 2015
Protection and prevention of damage to retained tree canopies during construction	Yes	Visit 1	During construction phase	22 nd May 2015
Excavation of services trenches in close proximity to or within the RPA of retained trees	Yes	Visit 2	During construction phase	
Installation of 'No-Dig' surfacing for roads, drives, footpaths / cycleways close to or within retained tree RPA's	Yes	Visit 3	During construction phase	
Generic construction site constraints: 1 Site office / Welfare unit location 2 Temporary toilets 3 Siting of bonfires 4 Location of contaminant storage and washout areas 5 Location of stripped topsoil 6 Location for Mortar Silo 7 Location for waste storage / skips	Yes	Visit 1	During construction phase	

Site 'sign off', removal of protection fencing, remedial recommendations that may be required and inspection of replacement tree planting	Yes	Visit 4	Post construction	
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Appendix 1 Signed Site Inspection Form – Date 22/05/15

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**Arboricultural Record of Site
 Inspection / Supervision No. 1**

Address	Southcote Primary School	Client Ref	
Client	Galliford Try Construction (UK) Ltd	Consultant	Brian Higginson Dip Arb(RFS) M.Arbor.A
Our Ref	D0812141458	Site Manager	Paul Sordley
Inspection Date	22/5/2014		

Area/s of site inspected: Protective fencing in proximity to retained trees at this early phase of development.

Was all Tree Protective Fencing in correct position? (Identify area/s where protective fencing was incorrect) ☒ YES ☐ NO

Was there debris within protected areas? (Identify area/s in which debris was present) ☐ YES ☒ NO

Were there unauthorised excavations within protected areas? (Identify area/s in which excavations were present) ☐ YES ☒ NO

What activities were being undertaken during site visit? Site was closed when visited but fence viewed for school site. Ground works, base of phase 4 development.

What works were being supervised by the ES Arboriculturalist? N/A

Have all previous actions been implemented? N/A

ACTION REQUIRED (and by whom): **DATE (For completed Action):**

→ Site manager + B Higginson to liaise about fence work with RPA & internal trees (review is planned + no delay hoped). BHT to phone Paul Sordley

NOTES & DATE OF NEXT INSPECTION:
 TBC → early summer visit

Signed: Brian Higginson Signed: _____
 (For and on behalf of ES) (For and on behalf of.....)

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Appendix 2 Tree Related Planning Conditions of Planning Approval No. 141380/REG3

COMMITTEE REPORT

BY THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES READING BOROUGH COUNCIL PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE: 12th November 2014	ITEM NO.
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Ward: Southcote
App No.: 141380/REG3
Address: Southcote Primary School, Silchester Road, Reading
Proposal: Two new build teaching block extensions (one part two-storey, one single storey), extension to front of school plus associated external works including new staff car park and new pedestrian accesses from Shepley Drive and Silchester Road.
Applicant: Reading Borough Council
Date validated: 27th August 2014
Other Application: 13 week target decision date: 26th November 2014
26 week date: 26th February 2015

RECOMMENDATION

RESOLVE to consult the Secretary of State on the application and supporting papers in accordance with paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Town and Country Planning (Consultation) (England) Direction 2009; AND

Delegate to the Head of Planning, Development and Regulatory Services to GRANT Planning Permission subject to receipt of a satisfactory Unilateral Undertaking in the event that:

- i) the Secretary of State decides not to call in the application for determination; or
- ii) the period in which the Secretary of State may respond under paragraph 11 of the Town and Country Planning (Consultation) (England) Direction 2009 expires.

Unilateral Undertaking to be received by 29th December 2014 or (ii) REFUSE permission should the Unilateral Undertaking not be received by 29th December 2014 (unless the Head of Planning, Development and Regulatory Services agrees to a later date for completion of the agreement). The Unilateral Undertaking shall secure the following in respect of:

- Transport - A financial contribution of £92,593.20 which will be used towards schemes identified in the South Western and Central action plan areas of this Authority's Local Transport Plan, in compliance with Reading Borough Core Strategy Policy CS9 (Infrastructure, Services, Resources and Amenities). Payable on implementation and index linked from the date of issue of planning permission.

Conditions to include:

1. Time limit - 3 years
2. Materials
3. Approved Plans
4. Access constructed before development
5. Vehicle parking in accordance with approved plans
6. Bicycle storage (pre-com)
7. Construction Management Statement (pre-com)
8. Travel Plan to be submitted (pre-occupation)

9. Annual Review of the Travel Plan
10. Hours of working
11. No Bonfires
12. Arboricultural Method Statement (pre-com)
13. Development in accordance with Arboricultural Method Statement
14. Hard and soft landscaping details (pre-com)
15. Implementation of approved landscaping proposals
16. Replacement planting within 5 years
17. In accordance with Sustainability Statement

Informatives to include:

1. Pre-commencement conditions
2. S106 Agreement
3. Terms and conditions of permission
4. Building Regulations
5. Construction and demolition
6. S278 / Small Works Agreements
7. Damage to the highway
8. Works affecting the highway
9. Surface Water Drainage
10. Public sewers
11. Petrol/oil interceptors
12. Water infrastructure capacity
13. Sprinklers
14. Environment Agency
15. Birds, nests and eggs
16. Updating Rainbow Plan
17. Positive and proactive