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**ARBORICULTURAL METHOD STATEMENT
IN RELATION TO
INSTALLATION OF YURT AND POD**

AT

**GROVESIDE SCHOOL
40 CHRISTCHURCH ROAD
READING
RG2 7AY**

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1. INTRODUCTION

Broad Oak Tree Consultants Ltd. received instructions to produce an Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS) in relation to the installation of a Yurt and Pod at Groveside School, 40 Christchurch Road, Reading, RG2 7AY. The structures will be within the Root Protection Areas (RPAs) of a number of mature trees and the Council require confirmation of their specifications and installation methodologies to ensure no adverse damage occurs to the trees.

2. TREE INFORMATION

The Tree Protection Plan (TPP) Drawing No. J64.56/03 in Appendix 1 indicates the tree species, canopy spreads, BS5837:2012 Categories and BS calculated RPAs.

The TPP also indicates measures to be taken to ensure minimal impacts arise from the installation of the Yurt (within the RPA of T14 Hornbeam) and the Pod with access path (within the RPAs of T11 Purple Beech and T12 Common Oak).

3. INSTALLATION OF YURT

Details of the Yurt specification are included on the MH Architects Drawing No. 0023 Rev. PO1 in Appendix 2.

The floor of the Yurt will be suspended 30cm above existing ground level off 75mm by 75mm posts sunk some 30cm into the ground. These will be hand tool or manual operated augered into the ground. If any roots of 25mm diameter or greater are encountered the posts will be locally relocated to avoid the root. The raised floor means there will be no adverse impact on gaseous exchange with the soils and rainfall will still be available to the tree as it runs off the roof.

All materials for the Yurt will be walked into site along the existing paths and play surface areas from the existing parking area with no vehicle movements beyond existing surfaced parking areas.

If installation occurs during wet weather where ground conditions are soft, the routing from existing paths/surfacing will be across scaffold boards to minimise compaction of the soils.

4. INSTALLATION OF POD AND PATH

Details of the Pod specification are included on the MH Architects Drawing No. 0024 Rev. PO1 in Appendix 3.

The Pod requires four corner slabs to be laid to support the load and suspend the base just above ground level to prevent damp ingress. This slightly raised nature will ensure continued gaseous exchange with the underlying soils and rainfall will run off the roof to the surrounding soil.

To achieve a level base for the slabs the turf will be cut using hand tools and manually removed. This will not damage the roots of the trees and the area is heavily compacted from daily foot traffic. Similarly the access path will only require the hand tool removal of the turf with metal/timber edging, a geotextile base and porous infill.

As for the Yurt installation all materials will be walked into the site from the existing surfaced parking areas.

5. SUMMARY

Both structures require minimal installation or ground disturbance with measures to ensure minimal potential root disturbance.

Both structures have suspended floors allowing continued gaseous exchange and moisture ingress.

All movement of materials and installation will be by foot traffic and manual operations with minimal risk to the trees with no tree surgery works required.

No protective fencing is required as there are no vehicles or machinery involved and risks of damage to the trees occurring are extremely low.

The TPP can be referred to as an approved plan to ensure the correct methodologies are applied.

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APPENDIX 1

TREE PROTECTION PLAN

T1 - T22 Tree numbers

BS Category of Condition

- 0 BS Condition A
T5 BS Condition B
T3 BS Condition C
T19 BS Condition U

Crown spread

BS Calculated root protection areas

Tree to be removed for safety/short lifespan

Tree to be removed for development

Protective fencing location

Ground protection

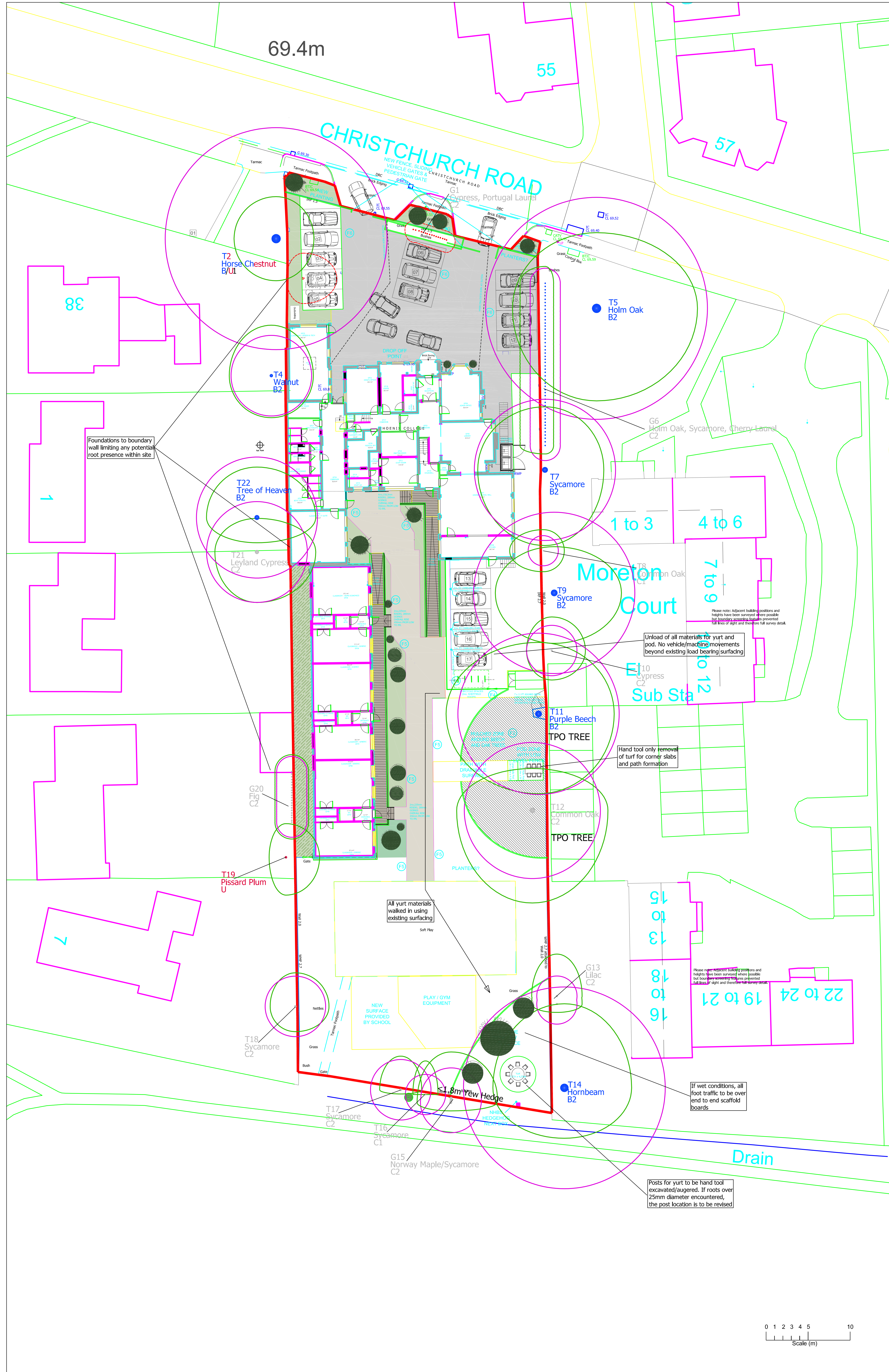
TREE PROTECTION INFORMATION
Protective fencing and ground protection measures to be installed at locations specified prior to commencement of any demolition works.

Protective fencing to comprise scaffold uprights driven into the ground to 60cm, depth at no more than 3m, spacing. Upright to be braced within high usage construction/demolition areas. Weldmesh panels to be securely fixed to uprights to produce a continuous barrier. Waterproof signs to be attached to every 5th panel declaring "TREE ROOT PROTECTION ZONE - KEEP OUT" or similar wording. Fencing to be constructed in accordance with fig. 2 or fig. 3 of section 6.2 of BS5837:2012. Ground protection measures to comprise a single thickness of side butting scaffold boards over a 100mm, compressible layer laid onto a geotextile. For machinery access, interlocking metal/plastic road plates will need to be used.

Buildings in proximity to protective fencing areas to be demolished by machinery pulling walls inwards onto the building footprint. The fenced protection zones around retained trees, hedges and shrubbery are to be regarded as sacrosanct and none of the following are to occur within these areas:

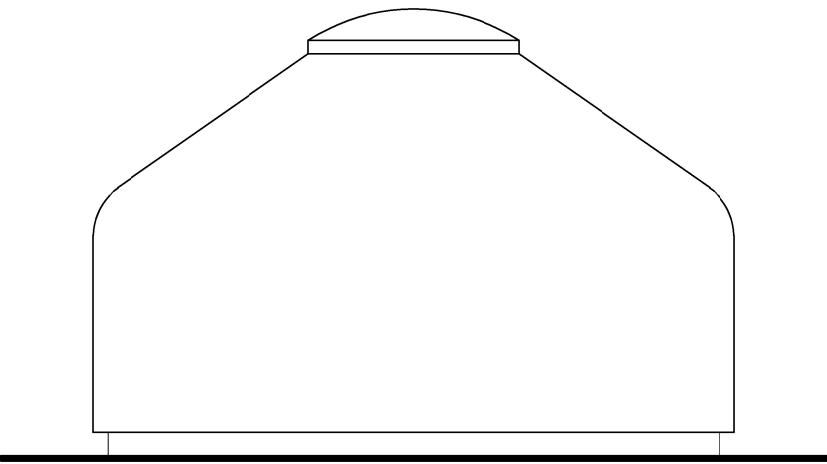
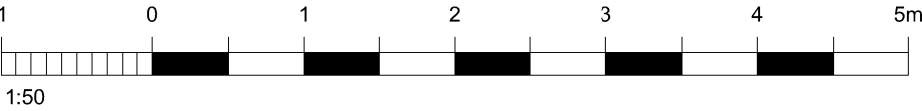
- Storage or disposal of any soil, building materials, machinery, fuel or waste residues of any description.
- Siting of any temporary structures of any description including site office/sales buildings, temporary car parking facilities, porta-loos, storage compounds or temporary hard standing areas.
- Excavations, soil/turf stripping, raising/lowering of existing levels or alterations to the existing natural surfaces/ground conditions of any other description.
- Location of temporary drainage, water supplies or any other temporary underground services.
- No use, movement or parking of any machinery or vehicles of any description.
- Additionally, no fires shall be lit within 20m, of the trunks of any trees or the centre line of any hedgerow to be retained.

All services to be installed to the requirements of NUG Volume 4 "Guidelines for the Planning, Installation and Maintenance of Utility Apparatus in Proximity to Trees". Any runs within retained tree root protection areas to either be bored/moled or any hand excavation to be supervised by the Arboricultural Consultant

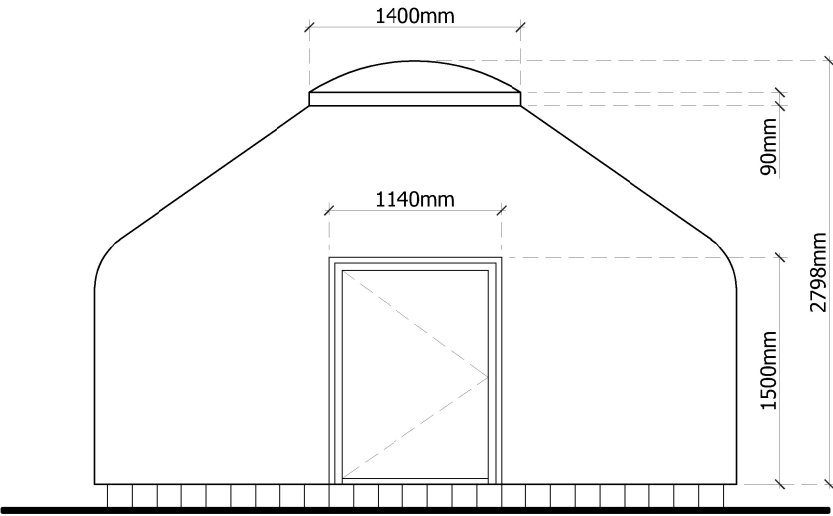


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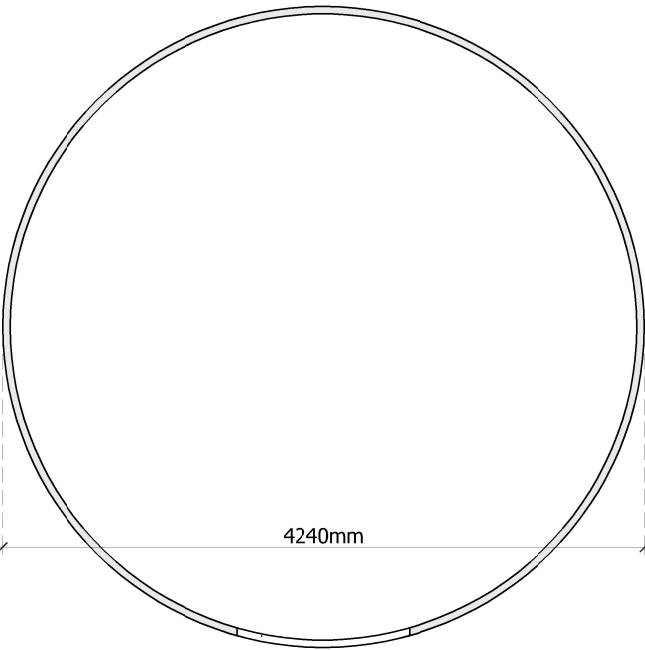
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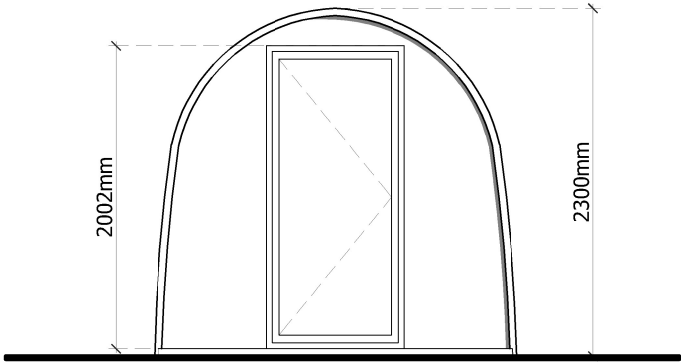
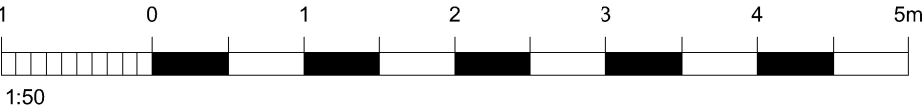
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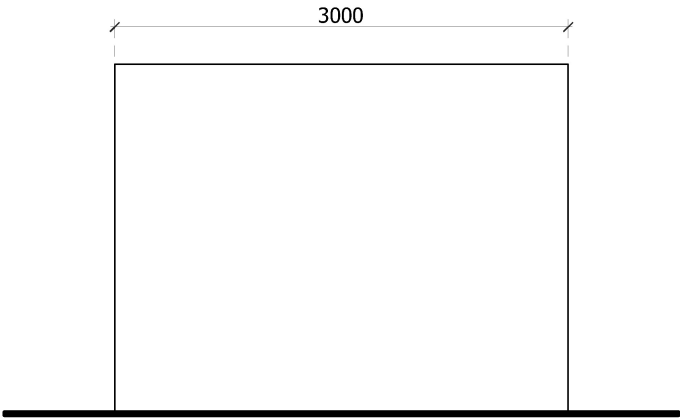
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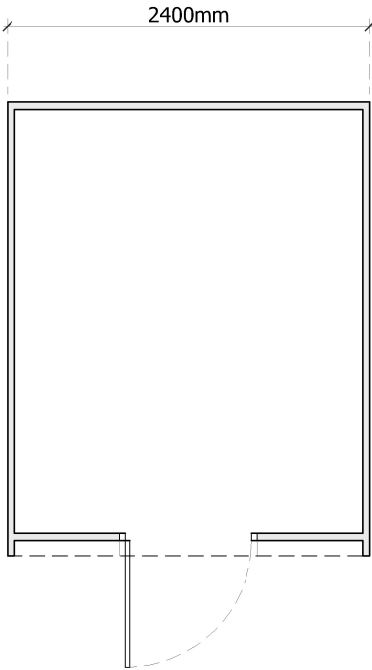
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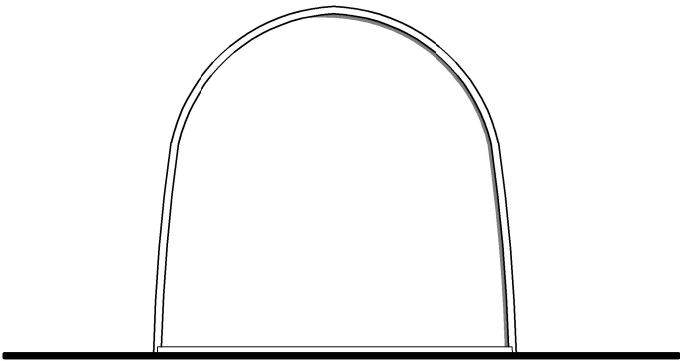
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