

Tree Protection Details

September 2023

SITE

Bluebells
Headcorn Road
Sutton Valance
Kent
ME17 3EH

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Re: 23/504142/FULL

Demolition of garage and erection of new garage with front dormer windows to first floor.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- All personnel working on the site are made aware of the tree protection measures covering any activities they will undertake.
- This duty includes delegating the task of briefing personnel in the absence of the site manager.
- The tree protection measures are left in place until the construction phase of the utility room is completed, except with the written consent of the LPA.
- Site personnel are updated of any approved changes or variations to the approved tree protection measures.
- All personnel on the site shall work in accordance with this document at all times, or in accordance with any approved variation.

PROCEDURES FOR INCIDENTS

If any breach of the approved tree protection measures occurs:

- The LPA Tree officer or Development Officer shall be notified;
- The site manager must be informed immediately;
- Swift action must be taken to halt the breach and prevent any further breach;
- Damage mitigation measures appropriate to the scale of the incident will be deployed where required. For example, soil de-compaction and enrichment or corrective tree surgery or felling.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

The following must not be carried out under any circumstances:

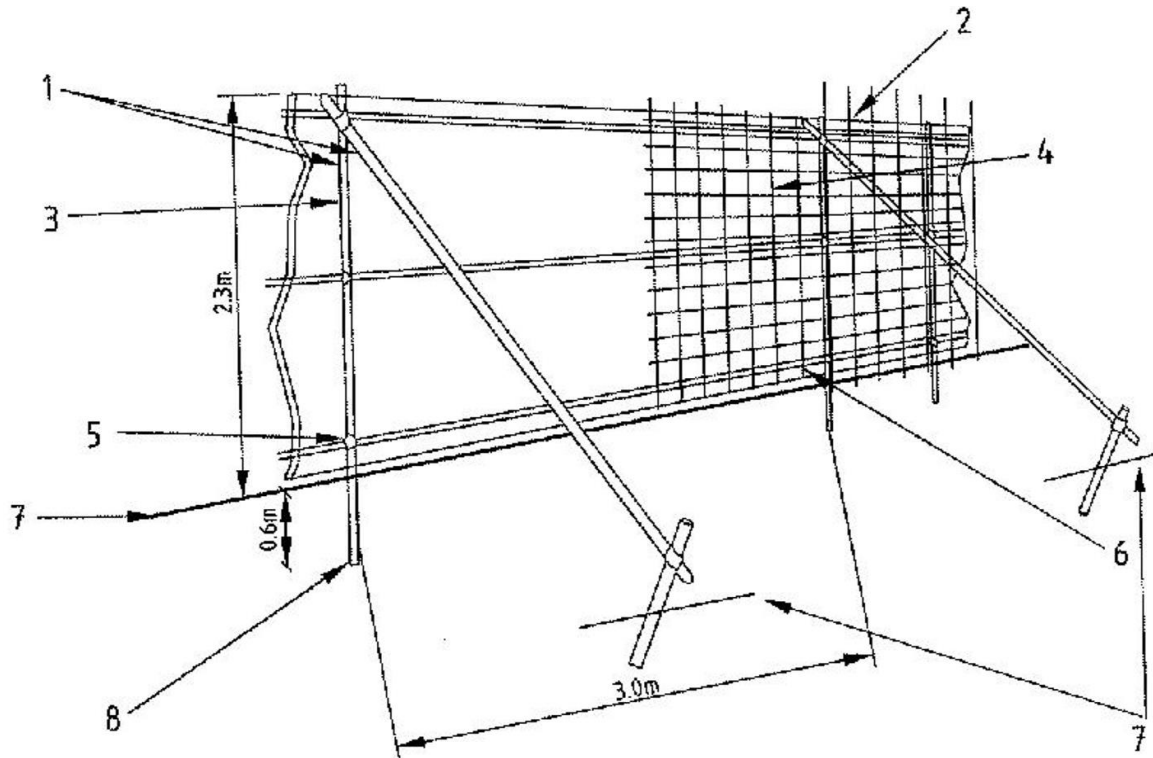
- Cutting down, uprooting, damaging or otherwise destroying any retained tree
- Lighting a fire within 10 metres of the canopy of any retained tree.
- Equipment, signage, fencing, tree protection barriers, materials, components, vehicles or structures shall not be attached to or supported by a retained tree.
- Mixing cement, chemical toilets and other use or storage of anything that would be harmful to trees shall not take place within, or close to a Root Protection Area (RPA). The distance away from the RPA must be sufficient, and the slope of the site must be such that contamination of soil in the RPA would not occur if there were spillage, seepage or displacement.
- No alterations or variations shall be made to the approved tree protection measures without written approval from the LPA.

DEPLOYMENT OF TREE PROTECTIVE FENCING

The temporary tree protective fencing shall be installed by any significant retain tree. This will take place before works to the side of the existing garage commence. It shall not be altered or removed until the construction is complete unless the LPA agrees to any variation in writing.

TREE PROTECTIVE FENCING SPECIFICATION

Heras® type fencing panels shall be used and installed in accordance with the diagram below.



1 Standard scaffold poles

2 Uprights to be driven into the ground

3 Panels secured to uprights with wire ties and where necessary standard scaffold clamps

4 Weldmesh wired to the uprights and horizontals

5 Standard clamps

6 Wire twisted and secured on inside face of fencing to avoid easy dismantling

7 Ground level

8 Approx. 0.6 m driven into the ground

EXCAVATION WITHIN ROOT PROTECTION AREAS

At all times during works within any RPA:

- If any roots are discovered, stop excavating with machinery and dig by hand;
- When hand digging, carefully work around roots, retaining as many as possible;
- Roots over 25mm in diameter shall not be cut without written consent from the LPA.
- Roots which have to be removed shall be pruned with a sharp handsaw or secateurs. Make a clean cut, leaving as small a wound as possible.
- When backfilling excavations, take care around retained roots.
- Don't repeatedly move/use heavy mechanical plant except on hard standing.
- For excavations left open overnight, cover exposed roots with dry sacking. Remember the sacking before backfilling.