

## Tree Protection Details

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### SITE

Hill House,  
Linton Hill,  
Kent,  
ME17 4AL

### PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

24/501035/FULL

Erection of a single storey rear extension with rooflights and changes to fenestration

### THE SITE AND LOCATION ASSESSMENT

Hill House is off Linton Hill A229, 4 miles south of Maidstone town centre. The site is located within easy walking distance to Coxheath village centre and the local amenities. The house is a two-storey dwelling, finished in brickwork under a tiled roof. The property is not listed but is within a special landscape area. Hill House is detached with a garden that surrounds the property it is screened by mature planting.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.