

Planting Plan

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Introduction

Arbtech Consulting Limited (Arbtech) received written instruction on 22 October 2025 to provide a Tree Planting Plan for 39 Parkfield Road, Ickenham, Uxbridge, Hillingdon, Greater London, UB10 8LW. The planting plan is required in mitigation for the loss of two trees to the front of the property in response to the communication received from Planning Enforcement dated 20 September 2025.

Please refer to appended drawing Arbtech PP 01 for the location and specification of the new trees.

Preparation and Aftercare

Weed Control

Prior to planting and when trees are first establishing, the roots of grass and other weeds would be at a similar level of that of the newly planted and establishing trees and are far more efficient at taking up water and thus depriving the trees of water.

It is vital that prior to planting and for 3 years after planting that the trees have a 1m wide circle completely free from grass and weeds. Eliminating grass and weeds from within the 1m circle in order of effectiveness:

1. Turf removal – Remove the turf layer to a depth of approximately 25mm. Within Root Protection Areas (RPAs) of existing trees, this method should only be undertaken under direct arboricultural supervision, or avoided altogether.
2. Manual removal – Individual weeds may be removed by hand using tools such as a trowel or hoe. This is a suitable method for smaller areas, sensitive sites, or where chemical use is undesirable. Regular attention is required to prevent re-growth.
3. Chemical control – Apply a glyphosate-based herbicide at least one week prior to planting, strictly in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. For post-planting maintenance, application should be carried out when trees are dormant.

Note: Mowing or strimming is not suitable for weed control, as it often results in significant trunk damage.

Staking and ties

Without correct support, young trees may rock in their planting pits, preventing roots from establishing firm contact with the soil. This can lead to poor growth, dieback, or failure.

- Stakes: Two round stakes (approx. 75mm diameter) must be installed on opposite sides of the rootball before backfilling. Stakes must be driven firmly into the base of the planting pit and extend at least 50mm above the tree tie. Their purpose is to stabilise both the tree and its root system.
- Ties: Trees must be secured using rubber tree ties with spacer blocks to prevent chafing. Acceptable tie types include:

Fixed ties – reinforced rubber straps nailed to stakes after passing through a spacer block.

Adjustable ties – straps with buckles or similar mechanisms to allow adjustment.

Ties should be positioned no higher than one-third of the tree's clear stem height (e.g. on a 1m clear stem, ties should be placed no higher than 330mm).

Inspection and removal: Stakes and ties must be inspected every six months, particularly after storms, and adjusted as necessary. They should be removed entirely at the beginning of the third growing season (i.e., two years after planting).

Mulching

Mulching is an essential part of tree care. It:

- Insulates soil and buffers against temperature extremes.
- Conserves soil moisture.
- Suppresses weed growth.
- Reduces soil compaction.
- Protects tree bases from mower and strimmer damage.

Mulch should be applied in a circle with a minimum 1m radius around the base of each tree, at a depth of 75–100mm. Biodegradable mulches are recommended, as they gradually enrich the soil. Mulch naturally decomposes over time and should be replenished annually for at least five years after planting.

Watering

The leading cause of tree loss during establishment is insufficient watering. Adequate irrigation is especially critical during spring and summer.


- Frequency and volume: From March/April through to September, provide approximately 20 litres of water every two weeks. Water should be applied slowly to ensure penetration to the deepest roots.
- Adjustment: Watering frequency and volume should be adapted according to prevailing weather conditions (e.g. prolonged rainfall, drought, frost). Overwatering must be avoided.

All trees are to be planted in the first dormant season (late November - March) following completion of the proposed construction activity at 39 Parkfield Road. Trees will be planted only in suitable weather conditions, ensuring that the soil is neither waterlogged nor frozen.

Trees will be maintained in line with the above advice for a minimum period of 5 years. Any tree that dies during this time will be replaced with a like for like tree.

Appendix 1: Tree Planting Plan

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