

1. Purpose

This Method Statement sets out the procedures for installing, maintaining, and monitoring protective fencing to safeguard the Root Protection Areas (RPAs) and crown spreads of all trees, hedges, and vegetation identified for retention. It ensures full compliance with the relevant planning condition and the approved Arboricultural Report (Arboricultural Impact Assessment / Arboricultural Method Statement) submitted at planning stage.

2. Scope

The requirements apply to all retained vegetation within or adjacent to the site boundary, as identified in the approved arboricultural drawings and schedules (refer to *Planning Stage Arbo – saved in Reports*).

No site clearance, excavation, or development activity may commence until fencing is installed and approved by the Local Planning Authority (LPA).

3. Responsibilities

- **Principal Contractor (JBL):** Ensures fencing is installed prior to any works and maintained throughout the construction period.
- **Arboricultural Consultant (JBL):** Reviews the planning-stage arboricultural documentation to confirm it satisfies the condition and provides any supplementary drawings if required.
- **Site Manager:** Ensures no unauthorised access, storage, or works occur within protected zones.
- **LPA Tree Officer:** Provides written approval of fencing layout and specification prior to commencement.

4. Fencing Requirements

- Protective fencing must enclose the **entire Root Protection Area (RPA)** and **crown spread** of each retained tree, hedge, or vegetation group.
- Minimum height: **1.5 metres**.
- Fencing type: As specified in the approved arboricultural drawings (typically weld-mesh Heras panels secured with anti-lift feet and braced with scaffold framework, unless otherwise agreed).
- Fencing must be continuous, rigid, and clearly marked as **Tree Protection Area – No Access**.

5. Drawings and Approval Process

1. Preparation of Drawings

- Detailed drawings showing the exact position, alignment, and specification of fencing will be prepared using the approved arboricultural plan as the base.
- Drawings will include:
 - Tree numbers and RPA radii
 - Fencing type and construction detail
 - Access routes and exclusion zones
 - Any special engineering solutions (e.g., ground protection)

2. Submission to LPA

- Drawings will be submitted to the LPA for written approval prior to any site clearance or development activity.

3. Review by JBL

- JBL will review the planning-stage arboricultural report and confirm whether it fully satisfies the condition or whether supplementary drawings/details are required.

6. Installation Procedure

- Fencing will be installed **before** any demolition, clearance, or construction works.
- Installation will follow the approved drawings exactly.
- The Site Manager will verify the fencing line against the approved plan and record the installation in the site diary.
- Photographic evidence will be taken and retained in the project file.

7. Maintenance and Monitoring

- Fencing must remain in place and intact for the duration of the works unless otherwise agreed in writing by the LPA.
- Weekly inspections will be carried out by the Site Manager.
- Any damage or movement must be rectified immediately.
- No materials, spoil, chemicals, or plant may be stored within the protected areas.



8. Variations

Any proposed alteration to the fencing line, specification, or duration must be agreed **in writing** with the LPA prior to implementation.

9. Compliance

The development will proceed strictly in accordance with the approved fencing details and the planning-stage Arboricultural Report.

No works will commence until written LPA approval is received and fencing is fully installed.