

Ro & Co General Builders Ltd

Site: Fountain House Hotel, Hayes UB3 2LW

Tree Protection Method Statement

All works to include the relevant tree protective measures as detailed in Arboricultural Implications Report (Ref: SJA air 21632-01).

1. As of 1st February the trees to the north and west elevation and within the courtyard have been removed, so there are no trees needing protection within the site boundary.
2. There are several trees outside the south elevation boundary. The existing hard surfacing within the site and directly opposite the trees will function as ground protection for the duration of the works. If its removal does become necessary it will immediately be replaced with appropriate ground protection or new hard surfacing founded no deeper than the existing.
3. Many openings will be created within the building walls for new window installation and this will, involve removal of brickwork. All waste will be removed in a controlled manner and contained for higher areas within the scaffold structure so it can be removed to ground in a measured way with no high impact to the ground.
4. Simultaneously, on the south elevation, the new extension will be started. It is noted that protective wrappings will be fitted to the trunk of tree no. 9, to prevent accidental damage by impacts from materials or machinery during construction. The trunk wrappings will consist of not less than three thicknesses of hessian around each trunk, surmounted by an outer layer of either two rounds of chestnut

paling fencing, or 50mm X 25mm sawn battens arranged vertically around the trunk at intervals of no greater than 100mm, and held in place with galvanised staples and tightened 5mm multi-strand fencing wire.

The trunk wrappings shall extend from as close as possible to ground level, up to a minimum height of 2m. They will be retained in place for the duration of construction operations, and will not be removed until all works are completed, and all equipment and materials are removed from site.

5. Excavations for the extension will be within the root protection area of tree no 10. Therefore the first 750mm trench depth will be undertaken by hand under arboricultural supervision. The soil will be loosened with a pick or fork, and then will be cleared from roots with a compressed air soil pick. All roots will be cut cleanly with a hand saw or secateurs. The edge of the excavation closest to the trees will be covered with hessian sacking to prevent drying out, and if necessary be shuttered with an appropriate material to prevent soil collapse. Where appropriate, the soil beneath this depth may be sheet piled; and deeper excavation may be undertaken by a machine provided it works from outside the root protection areas.
6. Any hard surfacing, or underground service excavations within root protection areas shall be undertaken by hand under arboricultural supervision. With agreement made with the arboricultural consultant as to other protective measures if and when a deeper excavation is needed.

Signed..... R. Jacota Site Manager