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Date: 20th September 2023

Dear Mr Atba Al-Samarraie,

Re: Arboricultural Method Statement

Application number: 138061/FO/2023
Proposal: Erection of 2.4m high security fencing and associated access gates.
Location: Fielden Park College, Barlow Moor Road, Manchester, M20 2PQ

Further to our correspondence regarding the above and as requested by the Local Authority I submit the following information in order to support your application:

The proposed wire mesh fencing is supported by narrow posts (60mm x 60mm) at 2.5m centers. This particular type of fencing in general has minimal impact on tree roots due to the narrow diameter posts and length of panels. It is also simple to install without the need for heavy machinery.

The holes supporting the posts will be 600mm deep and have a diameter of approx. 200mm. They are typically dug with a handheld auger, which reduces the amount of excavation required by using a spade or shovel etc.

There will be some impact on roots due to the proximity of the fence but would be considered negligible and any healthy tree would not suffer any adverse effects as a consequence. However, should the post interval fall within the buttress area of any larger trees then the fence may need to be stepped out or posts installed on either side of the tree in order to avoid large buttress roots. The panels will then need to be altered accordingly.

Example of a Soil Auger for use in fencing



Having viewed the site, it is clear that in general no tree foliage should interfere with the installation save for minor pruning of stem and low shoots, which can be achieved using secateurs.

In order to ensure the correct level of protection for trees on this site a clear sequence of events is required prior to any form of development as follows:

1. Site meeting between the appointed arborist and the project manager to walk the route and discuss all tree protection measures.

2. No vehicles to be driven or stored within any soft surfacing under the canopy of any existing trees.

3. No site buildings, welfare or materials to be stored within any soft surfacing under the canopy of any existing trees.

4. All holes to be dug cleanly and as narrow as possible using a handheld auger.

5. In the event that any posts fall too close to a buttress root then the posts should be stepped out or installed on either side of the tree in order to avoid large buttress roots. Advice should be sought from the appointed arborist.

6. All holes to be backfilled to ground level using the topsoil only from the excavation.

7. Any minor pruning required in order to install the fence will be carried out using secateurs only with a minimal clearance to complete the installation.

I hope this information proves sufficient and don't hesitate to contact me should you require any further assistance.

Yours sincerely



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