



Arboricultural Impact Assessment

National Transport Authority

Proposed site:

Bus Connects Route 11 Kimmage the City Centre

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1 Introduction

1.1 Background

Arbor-Care Ltd (Professional Consulting Tree Service) was retained by ROD Consulting Engineers on behalf of the National Transport Authority (NTA) to undertake an Arboricultural Impact Assessment, and a Tree Protection Plan identifying the trees, groups of trees or hedgerows that may be impacted on by the Bus Connects Core Bus Corridor. The surveyed trees contained within this report are located within or adjacent to the Kimmage to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme (hereinafter referred to as "The Proposed Scheme"). The objective of the impact assessment was to identify the areas that contained trees, groups of trees or hedgerows, and to ensure where practicable that these areas would be retained and to identify the trees that are to be removed to facilitate the Proposed Scheme.

The survey was undertaken between the 26th and 30th of June 2020. The survey commenced at location 1 and finished at location 10 of figure 1 below of the Proposed Scheme.

The below impact assessment report is based on the British standard BS 5837:2012 Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction recommendations. This standard gives recommendations and guidance on the principles to be applied to achieve a satisfactory juxtaposition of trees, including shrubs, hedges and hedgerows, with structures. It sets out to assist those concerned with trees in relation to construction to form balanced judgements. This impact assessment report is accompanied by an inventory of trees and hedgerows on site and a tree protection plan. The Arboricultural Impact Assessment and a tree protection plan was prepared for the Proposed Scheme to identify trees that may be impacted on by the proposed development based on the proposed design.

1.2 Methodology

An initial tree survey and visual condition assessment was undertaken. As part of this report and in accordance with BS 5837: 2012 Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - recommendations, only trees with diameters of 75mm or greater were surveyed. Also, in accordance with section 4.4.2.3 of the British standard document, where trees formed obvious groups, these were assessed and recorded as groups.

(Source: www.busconnects.ie) Cork Street Bulfin Road S Circular Rd Keeper Road 8 Grove Crumlin Road Kildare Road Charleston Ros RATHMINES CRUMLIN St Agnes Highfield Road RATHGAR Terenure Road E lure Road West

Figure 1.0 Proposed Route corridor

Soils

On shrinkable clay soil, tree growth can lead to the differential movement of structures as moisture is removed from the soil during the growing season. Soils must be carefully assessed, and any foundations that could be influenced by trees must be installed following the recommendations of National House Building Council (NHBC) Standards Chapter 4.2: Building Near Trees (2021) to avoid potential future damage. Where trees which predate existing structures are to be removed, this can result in heave as the soils are re-wet. This should be monitored by a suitably qualified engineer during the construction works.

3 Trees and Risk in the Context of Development

This report is to inform the preliminary design, focusing on the quality and benefits of the trees and is not specifically designed to assess the safety of trees on Site. However, when obvious issues have been identified, recommendations have been included in the Tree Survey Schedule.

3.1 Trees and Wildlife

Full consideration must be given to the presence of species protected under the Wildlife Act (1976 – as amended) and other relevant legislation protected wildlife and habitats, in particular the presence of bats and nesting birds. It is recommended that wherever practicable, significant tree/hedge works take place outside of the typical bird nesting season of March to September.

3.2 Tree Works

Any tree surgery recommendations contained within this report are to be undertaken in accordance with BS3998: 2010 Tree work – Recommendations (BS3998), by suitably qualified and insured contractors. Significant pruning works are best undertaken when trees are dormant or outside periods of high functional activity, to reduce the overall impact on energy available to the tree for growth and processes. In general, the optimum period for works is between November to February and July to August (subject to the presence of protected species) when the tree is less active and better placed to respond to wounding and a reduction in leaf area.

4.0 The Trees

A total of 297 individual trees were surveyed. The surveyed trees include a mixture of semi-mature to large mature trees, planted mainly as street trees, planted in central reservations and directly within footpaths as well as vegetation within private properties.

A breakdown of the Tree Categories on site as per BS 5837 2012 is set out in the table below:

Category	Quantity	Category %
A-Tree of high quality	25	9%
B-trees of good quality	153	51%
C (Low quality or trees less than 75mm	118	39%
diameter)		
U (remove due to poor condition)	1	1%
Total Trees surveyed	297	100%

5 Statutory and Non-Statutory Designations

The route traverses through Dublin City Council administrative area.

National Planning Framework

The National Planning Framework (NPF) seeks to ensure that new development is sustainable and underlines the importance of Green Infrastructure, of which trees form an integral part. This encompasses recognition of the importance of trees in relation to the management of air, soil and water quality along with other associated ecosystem services and climate change adaption. The NPF also seeks to achieve the protection and enhancement of landscapes and a net gain in biodiversity.

Dublin City County Development Plan 2016 - 2022

Section 10.5.7 of the Dublin City Development Pan 2016 recognises the benefits of trees in humanising spaces, enhancing the environment and minimising the impacts of climate change. Appendix 1: Existing Tree Preservation Orders in Dublin City 2016-2020 of the Dublin City Development Plan has been reviewed and it has been concluded that there are no TPO's identified within the study area.

6 Arboricultural Impact Assessment

This impact assessment sets out the likely principal direct and indirect impacts of the Proposed Scheme on the trees on or immediately adjacent to the site and suitable mitigation measures to allow for the successful retention of significant trees or to compensate for trees to be removed, where appropriate.

A brief summary of trees to be removed, tree works and incursions related to the proposed development are detailed within the table below.

Impact	Category A	Category B	Category C	Category U	Total tree removal
Trees to be removed	0 individual	7 individual	9 individual	1 individual	
to facilitate the	trees	trees	trees	trees	
Proposed Scheme					
Total	features	7 features	9 features	1 features	
Trees to be pruned to	0	0	0	0	
facilitate the Proposed					
Scheme (Unknown at					
this stage)					
Total	0	7	9	1	17

6.1 Trees to be Removed

All trees that are destined for removal will be removed prior to any construction or excavation works taking place in the vicinity of any trees to be removed, where practicable.

Any tree/hedgerow remedial works that are required will also be undertaken prior to any construction or demolition activity on the site where practicable. All the above shall be carried out by qualified and insured tree surgeons and in accordance with BS 3998:2010 Tree works Recommendations.

The latest available information on the general arrangement, landscape general arrangement, drainage, structures, earthworks, lighting and compounds have been reviewed to inform this assessment.

Tree removals assume a reasonable worst case and in practice some trees may be able to be retained subject to on site investigation, such as trial holes, to determine root spread in conjunction with the guidance of an arboriculturist.

Where part of a group of trees is to be removed, an arboriculturist will carry out a site walkover immediately following site clearance work to determine the suitability and stability of retained trees, which may have been impacted by a loss of companion shelter.

New tree planting and associated landscaping works are as detailed in the proposed Landscaping Design Drawings. All the remaining recorded trees are likely to be able to be retained and protected.

6.2 Tree Works

Tree removal works to facilitate the Proposed Scheme are detailed in the Tree Survey Schedule included as Appendix A. Aside from tree removals; no other tree works such as pruning have been identified at this stage. Where new areas of access are proposed close to trees, crown lifting to ensure a clear height of 2.5m for footways, 3m for cycleways and 5.2m for highways is likely to be required.

The requirement for pruning will be addressed following a pre-commencement site walkover to review any trees which could form an obstruction, or which require pruning to facilitate construction works and to prevent inadvertent damage to tree crowns.

This level of pruning will generally not have a significant negative impact on the health or amenity of the trees in question.

No additional works to retained trees are likely to be required. All tree work is to follow the principles of BS3998: 2010 Treework.

Should the requirement for additional tree works be identified, this will be discussed with an arboriculturist on site.

6.3 Incursions within the Root Protection Area or Canopy Spread

A range of works are required within or close to the Root Protection Area (RPA) of retained trees which will require specialist working methods to ensure trees are not subject to a significant negative impact. The RPA is a layout design tool indicating the minimum area around a tree deemed to contain sufficient roots and rooting volume to maintain the tree's viability and where the protection of the roots and soil structure is treated as a priority.

Tree RPAs have been calculated in accordance with BS 5837:2012. The formulas used are set out in Table 3.

Number of Stems	Calculation Method
Single Stem Tree	RPA (m ²) = {stem diameter (m) @ $1.5 \text{m x } 12$ } ² x 3.142
Tree with more than one stem arising below 1.5m above ground level.	RPA (m ²) = {Basal Dia. (m) x 10} ² x 3.142

Note: The Calculated RPA should be capped to 707m2, e.g. which is the equivalent to a circle with a radius of 15m or a square with approximately 26 m sides.

Given the constraints of the site, incursions into the RPA may be unavoidable therefore the mitigation measures as set out in the method statement are to be adhered to. The Arboricultural Method Statement included as Appendix B sets out the methodology for specific activities near retained trees. The following general principles as outlined below have been applied:

• The extent of resurfacing has not been fully determined at this stage. Where resurfacing of existing hard surfacing is required, this will be applied over the existing wearing course or on the existing intact subbase following the careful removal of the wearing course.

- New surfacing on existing unsurfaced ground within a significant proportion of an RPA will be
 achieved using a three-dimensional cellular confinement system (e.g. Cellweb or equivalent),
 installed without excavation using no dig techniques.
- Where existing verges or footways are to be widened out into the existing carriageway, kerb stones
 and haunching will be carefully removed by hand to protect adjacent tree roots. The Proposed
 Scheme will likely result in improved growing conditions for trees where carriageway is replaced by
 less heavily engineered footway or verge.
- Where the existing road carriageway is to be widened requiring a section of cut into a tree RPA or where new drainage cannot feasibly be adjusted to fully avoid the RPA, tree retention will be feasible where trees are considered on balance to be of an age, condition and species which will tolerate the degree of disturbance required (generally not more than a maximum of 20% of the overall RPA) and that this is preferable to the loss of the tree. The area of excavation nearest the tree will be carried out by hand and roots will be carefully assessed by an arboriculturist and pruned as required. New kerb stones and any haunching will be the narrowest profile feasible and alternative methodologies such as reinforced bridged/lintel sections of kerb can be applied, should significant roots need to be retained and worked around.
- Where a new boundary wall is to be constructed within an RPA, alternative footings utilising low
 diameter pads or piles will be carefully located to avoid tree roots (via hand dug trial holes) and will
 support floating beams set at or above ground level, unless trial holes (under arboricultural
 supervision) determine that limited careful excavation is viable to allow beams to be set into the
 ground.
- The position of new lamp columns, signs and bus shelter footings can be locally adjusted to avoid significant roots and tree canopies and the lowest diameter footings feasible will be employed (such as screw piles or equivalent). Footings will be hand dug within RPAs.
- All new or diverted utilities will avoid the RPA of retained trees where practicable. Where this is not practicable, they will be installed using trenchless methods or via careful excavation in accordance with BS5837: 2012 and guidance from the National Joint Utilities Group (NJUG) Volume 4. Utilities to be removed will be cut off and left in situ where feasible to minimise disturbance or will be removed via careful excavation.

6.4 The Future Impact of Retained Trees

Retained trees will require periodic inspection to assess their structural condition and safety.

Occasional removal of dead wood or other remedial works to address significant defects or obstructions may be required in areas of frequent access. This is unlikely to be overly onerous and will be the responsibility of the tree owner.

All tree works recommended as a result of the preliminary tree survey of the site, which considered trees in the context of the current use of the site (these works are included as preliminary management recommendations in the Tree Survey Schedule in Appendix A of this report), should be actioned within the recommended timescales.

6.5 Tree Protection

Retained trees are vulnerable to damage from construction activities which can include physical damage to stems and branches following impacts with plant, root severance following trenching, root death or dysfunction following damage to soil structure (caused by the movement of people or machinery on unsurfaced ground) or via the spillage of materials toxic to tree health. The default position is that the RPA and canopy spread of trees to be retained will form an effective Construction Exclusion Zone, secured with robust fencing where no access will be permitted. Where access is necessary within this area, special measures such as the use of ground protection (or retention of existing hard surfacing) and arboricultural supervision are generally required. In some cases, existing boundary walls and fences can be employed as a tree protection barrier where they are robust and sufficient to prevent access or damage.

6.6 Tree Planting

Existing areas of unsurfaced ground must be protected during the demolition and construction phases if they are to be re-used for new plantings. Protection can be achieved using fit for purpose ground protection measures as set out in BS5837:2012 Section 6.2.3 or by creating a fenced exclusion zone. Where protection is not practicable, soil amelioration or replacement works will be required to ensure suitable growing conditions for new trees to fully establish. Where new trees are to be planted, the minimum planting distances detailed in Annex A, Table A.1 of BS5837:2012 must be adhered to, to prevent direct damage to services and structures from future tree growth. An extract of BS5837:2012 presenting this table is shown in Figure 3. New tree planting should be implemented in accordance with the guidance set out in BS8545: 2014 Trees: from nursery to establishment in the landscape – Recommendations.

Table A.1 Minimum distance between young trees or new planting and structure to avoid direct damage to a structure from future tree growth

Type of structure	Minimum distance between young tree or new planting and structure, in metres (m)								
	Stem dia. <300 mm ^{A)}	Stem dia. 300 mm to 600 mm ^{A)}	Stem dia. >600 mm A)						
Buildings and heavily loaded structures	_	0.5	1.2						
Lightly loaded structures such as garages, porches etc.	_	0.7	1.5						
Services									
<1 m deep	0.5	1.5	3.0						
>1 m deep	_	1.0	2.0						
Masonry boundary walls	_	1.0	2.0						
In-situ concrete paths and drives	0.5	1.0	2.5						
Paths and drives with flexible surfaces or paving slabs	0.7	1.5	3.0						

Figure 2 - Annex A, Table A.1 of BS5837:2012

7. Conclusions

The arboricultural impact of the proposed development on the site will be moderate. It is proposed to remove 20 individual trees or hedges out of 297 individual features surveyed to facilitate the Proposed Scheme.

The number of individual trees being retained also includes trees adjacent to the Proposed Scheme i.e. outside the site boundary and temporary land acquisition boundary. These trees are evident on the drawings contained in Appendix C.

A breakdown of the number of trees being removed and retained is shown in Table 4 below.

Table 1': Retained and Removed Tree Quantities

	Retained and Removed T	ree Quantities
Retained trees	Total retained in development (no)	277
Removed trees	Total identified trees lost (no.)	17

Trees are to be removed due to a direct conflict with the Proposed Scheme and where specialist methodologies or design tweaks are not considered practical to facilitate their retention. Trees are also proposed to be retained where careful construction methodologies will allow their retention. Tree loss will be mitigated with a robust and high-quality scheme of new tree planting as detailed in the proposed Landscaping General Arrangement drawings which represents an opportunity to increase the quality, impact, diversity, and resilience of the local tree stock. Soil structure for areas of new tree planting where the ground is currently unsurfaced will either be protected using ground protection or fenced exclusion zones; or the soil structure will be ameliorated or replaced following the completion of construction works on site.

A1 Key to Abbreviations Used in the Survey

Ref No	Specific identification number given to eac T=Tree/H=Hedge/G=Group/W=Woodla											
Tag No.	Tree marked with individual tree tag of this reference											
Species	Common name followed by botanical name shown in	italics										
RPA	Root Protection Area (As defined by BS5837)	itunes										
Stem diameter		A., / A., a.										
Stem diameter	Diameter of main stem measured in millimetres at 1.5 m above ground level.	Av / Average:										
	(MS = Multi-stem tree measured in accordance with	indicates an average										
	BS5837 Annex C)	representative										
Spread	The width and breadth of the crown. Estimated on	measured dimension										
	the four compass points in metres.	for the group or feature										
Crown clearance	The estimated height (in metres) above ground											
ш	level of the lowest significant branch attachments.											
#	Estimated dimensions											
*	Indicates estimated position of tree (not indicated											
	on topographical survey).											
P	Privately owned tree (e.g., tree not located in the publ	lic highway or adjacent										
Catagogg	public land).	Cite on you Table 1 and 2										
Category	Categorisation of the quality and benefits of trees on S of BS5837:2012.	Site as per Table 1 and 2										
	1=Arboricultural quality/value											
	1=Arboricultural quality/value 2=Landscape quality/value											
	3=Cultural quality/value (including conservation)											
	A=High quality/value 40yrs+ (light green).											
	B=Moderate quality/value 20yrs+ (mid blue)											
	C=Low quality/value min 10yrs/stem diameter less than 150mm (grey). U=Unsuitable for retention (dark red).											
I ifo atomo	Young (Y): Newly planted tree 0-10 years.											
Life stage	Semi-Mature (SM): Tree in the first third of its normal life expectancy for the											
	species (significant potential for future growth in size).											
	Early Mature (EM): Tree in the second third of its normal life expectancy for											
	the species (some potential for future growth in size)											
	Mature (M): Tree in the final third of its normal life e											
	(having typically reached its approximate ultimate size	-										
	Over Mature (OM): Tree beyond the normal life experience Veteran (V): Tree, which is of interest biologically, as	-										
	because of its condition, size or age.	estiletically of culturally										
Structural	Good: No significant structural defects											
condition	Fair: Structural defects which can be resolved via ren	nedial works.										
	Poor: Structural defects which cannot be resolved via	a remedial works.										
	Dead: Dead.											
Physiological	Good: Normal vitality including leaf size, bud growth,	density of crown and										
condition	wound wood development.											
	Fair: Lower than normal vitality, reduced bud develodensity, reduced response to wounds.	pment, reduced crown										
	Poor: Low vitality, low development and distribution	of buds, discoloured										
	leaves, low crown density, little extension growth for											
	Dead: Dead	-										
	Fair/Good = Indicates an intermediate condition											
D 11 1	Fair - Good = Indicates a range of conditions (e.g., wi											
Preliminary	Works identified during the tree survey as part of sou											
management recommendations	management, based on the current context of the Site reference has been made to tree management based of											
recommendations	context of the site).	m the potential luture										

Appendix 2. Kimmage route 11

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R	Tree	Tag	Species	НТ	DBH	CR.	Cr.	Cr.	Cr.	Cr	Physiological/	Condition	Life	PMR	Impact of	Cat	RPA	Est.
	id	#	Openes	(m)	(mm)	Sp. N	Sp. S	Sp. E	Sp. W	clearance & Dir.	Structural condition	comments	stage	T WILL	works	Out.	Radius m	Remaining yrs
11	T001	5101	Acer Platanoides Norway Maple	12	420	3	3	3	3	3m South	Good	A mature Norway Maple displaying over all good condition	M	No works required	No impact	B2	5.2m	40
11	T002	5102	Norway Maple	12	240	2	2	2	2	2m North	Good	A mature Norway Maple displaying over all good condition. It has been slightly suppressed by the surrounding trees	M	No works required	No impact	B2	3.4m	40+
11	T003	5103	Norway Maple	10	235	2	2	2	2	3m South	Good	A mature Norway Maple displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	B2	3.35m	40+
11	T004	5104	Norway Maple	14	340	3	3	3	3	4m South	Good	A mature Norway Maple displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	B2	4.4m	40+
11	T005	5105	Weeping Willow		340	2	4	3	3	2m South	Poor	A large mature Weeping Willow displaying over all poor structural condition. This tree is leaning significantly over towards the road and appears to partially uprooted.	M	No works required	No impact	C2	4.4m	10-
11	T006	5106	Norway Maple	12	400	3	3	3	3	4m East	Good	A mature Norway Maple displaying over all good condition.	M	No works required	No impact	B2	5.0m	40+
11	T007	5107	Betula Pendula Silver Birch	14	280	4	4	4	4	2m North	Good	A mature Silver Birch displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	B2	3.8m	40
11	T008	5108	Sorbus x Intermedia Swedish Whitebeam	8	180	2	2	2	2	3m East	Good	An early mature Swedish Whitebeam displaying over all good condition. This tree has been slightly suppressed by the larger surrounding trees.	EM	No works required	No impact	B2	2.8m	20+
11	T009	5109	Norway Maple	16	310	3	3	3	3	2m North	Good	A mature Norway Maple displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	B2	4.1m	40+
11	T010	5110	Norway Maple	16	310	3	3	3	3	2m North	Good	A mature Norway Maple displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	B2	4.1m	40+
11	T011		Weeping Willow	16	435	4	4	4	4	3m South	Good	A large mature Weeping Willow displaying over all good condition. This tree has a natural lean towards the road	M	No works required	No impact	B2	5.35m	40+
11	T012	5112	Eucalyptus Globulus Eucalyptus	18	380	4	4	4	4	4m South	Good	A large mature Eucalyptus displaying over all good condition. This tree is not suited to	M	No works required	No impact	C2	4.8m	40+

					its location as it will
					outgrow its living space

R	Tree	Tag	Species	НТ	DBH	CR.	Cr.	Cr.	Cr.	Cr	Physiological/	Condition	Life	PMR	Impact of	Cat	RPA	Est.
	id	#	Орослов	(m)	(mm)	Sp. N	Sp. S	Sp. E	Sp.	clearance	Structural condition	comments	stage	' '''' \	works	Out.	Radius m	Remaining yrs
	T0.10			, ,	222				W	& Dir.								Ĭ
11	T013	5113	Carpinus Betulus Hornbeam	8	280	2	2	2	2	2m West	Good	An early mature Hornbeam displaying over all good condition		No works required	No impact	B2	3.8m	40+
11	T014	5114	Fraxinus Excelsior Weeping Ash	10	255	2	2	2	2	2m East	Good	An early mature Weeping Ash displaying over all good condition	EM	No works required	No impact	B2	3.55m	20+
11	T015	5115	<i>Fraxinus</i> Ash	16	270	3	3	3	3	4m East	Fair	A mature Ash displaying over all fair condition. There is significant deadwood throughout the mid-canopy of this tree.		Remove all deadwood	No impact	C2	3.7m	20+
11	T016	5116	Hornbeam	8	280	2	2	2	2	2m West	Good	An early mature Hornbeam displaying over all good condition		No works required	No impact	B2	3.8m	40+
11	T017	5117	Norway Maple	14	330	3	3	3	3	3m North	Good	A mature Norway Maple displaying over all good condition		No works required	No impact	B2	4.3m	20+
11	T018	5118	Norway Maple	14	310	3	3	3	3	3m North	Good	A mature Norway Maple displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	B2	4.1m	20+
11	T019	5119	Norway Maple	14	310	3	3	3	3	3m North	Good	A mature Norway Maple displaying over all good condition		No works required	No impact	B2	4.1m	20+
11	T020	5120	<i>Tilia</i> Lime	16	295	4	4	4	2	2m South	Good	An early mature Lime displaying over all good condition. This tree has been suppressed by the larger surrounding trees particularly on the western side.		No works required	No impact	B2	3.95m	40+
11	T021	5121	Acer Pseudoplatanus Sycamore	16	380	4	4	4	4	3m South	Good	A mature variegated Sycamore displaying over all good condition		Remove the lower Basal suckers		B2	4.8m	20+
11	T022		Hornbeam	10	330	2	2	4	4	2m South	Good	A mature Hornbeam displaying over all good condition		No works required	No impact	B2	4.3m	20+
11	T023	5123	Norway Maple	16	320	3	3	3	3	3m East	Good	A large mature Norway Maple displaying over all good condition. This tree has been suppressed by the larger surrounding trees.		No works required	No impact	B2	4.2m	20+
11	T024	5124	Sycamore	10	290	2	2	2	2	3m West	Fair	A mature Sycamore displaying over all fair condition. This tree is heavily suppressed with lvy.		No works required	No impact	C2	3.9m	10+

R	Tree	Tag	Species	НТ	DBH (manna)	CR.	Cr.	Cr.	Cr.	Cr	Physiological/	Condition	Life	PMR	Impact of	Cat.	RPA Radius	Est.
	id	#		(m)	(mm)	Sp. N	Sp. S	Sp. E	Sp. W	clearance & Dir.	Structural condition	comments	stage		works		m	Remaining yrs
11	T025		Norway Maple	18	350	3	3	3	3	3m North	Fair	A mature Norway Maple displaying over all fair condition. This tree is contained within a tight group of trees and has been suppressed. There is broken limbs from a neighboring tree hung on this tree	М	Remove broken limbs	No impact	C2	4.5m	20+
11	T026	5126	Hornbeam	12	300	4	4	4	4	3m South	Good	A mature Hornbeam displaying over all good condition	M	No works required	No impact	B2	4.0m	20+
11	T027	5127	Hornbeam	12	300	4	4	4	4	3m South	Good	A mature Hornbeam displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	B2	4.0m	20+
11	T028		Hornbeam	5	80	2	2	2	2	1m East	Good	A semi-mature Hornbeam displaying over all good condition. This tree has been slightly suppressed by the surrounding Willow		No works required	No impact	C2	1m	20+
11	T029	5129	Weeping Willow	22	550	6	6	6	6	4m South	Good	A large mature Weeping Willow displaying over all good condition. There is some deadwood in lower canopy.	M	Remove the deadwood	No impact	A2	6.5m	40+
11	T030 x 3	3 5130	Norway Maple	14	320	3	3	3	3	3m East	Good	Represents 3 Norway Maple displaying over all good condition. These trees are growing in a suppressed cluster and there is deadwood contained within the trees		Remove the deadwood	1	C2	4.2m	10+
11	T031	5131	Hornbeam	12	330	3	3	3	3	2m South	Good	A mature Hornbeam displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	B2	4.3m	40+
11	T032		Hornbeam	12	330	3	3	3	3	2m South	Good	A mature Hornbeam displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	B2	4.3m	40+
11	T033		Hornbeam	12	330	3	3	3	3	2m South	Good	A mature Hornbeam displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	B2	4.3m	40+
11	T034		Hornbeam	12	330	3	3	3	3	2m South	Good	A mature Hornbeam displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	B2	4.3m	40+
11	T035	5135	Weeping Willow	16	350	2	5	3	3	4m South	Fair	A large mature Weeping Willow displaying over all fair condition. There is significant deadwood throughout the inner canopy	M	Remove the deadwood	No impact	C2	4.5m	10+

R	Tree	Tag	Species	НТ	DBH (mm)	CR.	Cr.	Cr.	Cr.	O	Physiological/ Structural	Condition	Life	PMR	Impact of	Cat.	RPA Radius	Est. Remaining
	id	#		(m)	(111111)	Sp. N	Sp. S	Sp. E	Sp. W	clearance & Dir.	condition	comments	stage		works		m	yrs
11	T036	5136	Norway Maple	20	380	4	4	4	4	5m South	Fair	A large mature Norway Maple displaying over all fair condition. The lower third of this tree is suppressed with Ivy.	М	Ring the Ivy to kill it	No impact	C2	4.8m	20+
11	T037	5137	Norway Maple	14	260	2	2	2	2	4m North	Fair	An early mature Norway Maple displaying over all fair condition. It has been suppressed by larger surrounding trees.	EM	No works required	No impact	C2	3.6m	10+
11	T038	5138	Hornbeam	10	310	3	3	3	3	3m South	Good	A mature Hornbeam displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	B2	4.1m	20+
11	T039		Norway Maple	20	450	4	4	4	4	4m South	Good	A large mature Norway Maple displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	B2	5.5m	20+
11	T040		Crataegus Monogyna Hawthorn	6	150	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	3m East	Good	A semi-mature Hawthorn displaying over all good condition. It has been slightly suppressed by the larger surrounding trees.	SM	No works required	No impact	B2	2.5m	20+
11	T041 x 3	5141	Norway Maple	18	340	2	2	2	2	3m East	Good	Represents 3 mature Norway Maple displaying over all good condition	М	Remove the lower lvy ring	No impact	B2	4.4m	20+
11	T042	5142	Weeping Willow	14	520	2	5	3	4	3m east	Good	A large mature Weeping Willow displaying over all good condition. There is deadwood contained within the middle canopy	М	Remove the deadwood		A2	6.2m	40+
11	T043	5143	Aesculus Hippocastanum Horse Chestnut	16	420	3	3	3	3	2m East	Good	A mature Horse Chestnut displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	B2	5.2m	40+
11	T044	5144	Salix Willow	18	370	2	2	2	2	6m East	Good	A mature multi-stemmed Willow displaying over all good condition. There is significant Ivy growth on the lower 2/3 of this tree	M	Remove the lvy	No impact	C2	4.7m	20+
11	T045	5145	Willow	20	360	3	3	3	2	3m east	Fair	A mature Willow displaying over all fair condition. There is significant deadwood in the upper canopy	М	Remove the deadwood		C2	4.6m	20+
11	T046	5146	Norway Maple	16	450	3	3	3	3	3m East	Good	A mature Norway Maple displaying over all good condition. There are minor levels of deadwood in the mid canopy	М	Remove the deadwood	No impact	B2	5.5m	20+

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	id	#		(m)	(mm)	Sp. N	Sp. S	Sp. E	Sp. W	clearance & Dir.	Structural condition	comments	stage		works		Radius m	Remaining yrs
11	T047	5147	Sycamore	10	180	2	2	2	2	3m North	Good	An early mature variegated Sycamore displaying over all good condition	EM	No works required	No impact	C2	2.8m	20+
11	T048 x 3		Avium Cherry	8	250	3	3	3	3	2m west	Fair	Represents 3 mature Cherry displaying over all fair condition. There is significant Cankering throughout the trees	М	Consider for removal	No impact	C2	3.5m	10+
11	T049 X 2		Maple	18	300	3	3	3	3	3m South	Good	Represents 2 mature Norway Maple displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	B2	4.0m	20+
11	T050 x 10	5150	Ash	18	320	3	3	3	3	3m West	Fair	Group 1 – Represents a group of 10 mature Ash displaying over all fair condition. They are showing signs of Dieback which is evident by the significant deadwood contained within the mid canopies	М	Consider for removal and remove all the deadwood from the trees	impact	C2	4.2m	10+
11	T051	5151	Horse Chestnut	18	690	4	4	4	4	3m West	Good	A mature Horse Chestnut displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	A2	7.9m	40+
11	T052	5152	Ginkgo Biloba Maidenhair Tree	8	180	1	1	1	1	2m South	Good	An early mature Maidenhair displaying over all good condition	EM	No works required	No impact	A2	2.8m	40+
11	T053 x 10	5153	Ash	18	320	3	3	3	3	3m West	Fair	Group 2 – Represents a group of 10 early mature Ash displaying over all fair condition. They are showing signs of Dieback which is evident by the significant deadwood contained within the mid canopies		Consider for removal and remove all the deadwood from the trees	impact	C2	4.2m	10+
	x 2		Ash	22	500	4	4	4	4	3m West	Fair	Note – There are two larger Ash at the back of this group by the river. They are suppressed with lvy in the lower third and there are some limbs that have snapped off and broken within the trees		Consider for removal		C2	6.0m	10+

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11	T054		Prunus Cerasifera Purple Plum	8	200	2	2	2	2	2m North	Good	An early mature Purple Plum displaying over all good condition. The lower third of this tree is suppressed with lvy		Remove the lvy	No impact	C2	3.0m	20
11	T055	5155	Weeping Willow	20	540	4	4	4	4	4m East	Good	A mature Weeping Willow displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	B2	6.4m	20+
11	T056	5156	<i>Liriodendron Tulipifera</i> Tulip Tree	18	370	4	4	4	4	3m West	Good	A mature Tulip Tree displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	A2	4.7m	40+
11	T057		Weeping Willow	22	540	4	4	4	6	3m west	Good	A large mature Weeping Willow displaying over all good condition. There is some significant deadwood in the mid canopy	M	Remove the deadwood	No impact	B2	6.4m	20+
11	T058	5158	Norway Maple		320	5	3	3	3	3m North	Good	A mature Norway Maple displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	B2	4.2m	20+
11	T059	5159	Norway Maple	20	420	4	4	4	4	4m South	Good	A large mature Norway Maple displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	B2	5.2m	20+
11	T060	5160	Norway Maple	14	360	3	3	3	3	3m South	Good	A mature Norway Maple displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	B2	4.6m	20+
11	T061	5161	Norway Maple	14	360	3	3	3	3	3m South	Good	A mature Norway Maple displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	B2	4.6m	20+
11	T062 x 7	5162	Norway Maple	16		2	2	2	2	3m East	Good	Represents a group of 7 mature Norway Maple displaying over all good condition. There is some deadwood within the inner canopies	M	Remove the deadwood	No impact	B2	B2	20+
11	T063 x 7		,	10	230	2	2	2	2	2m East	Good	Represents a group of 7 early mature Cherry displaying over all good condition. They are planted as a tight group and there is some deadwood within the inner canopies	EM	No works required	No impact	B2	3.3m	20+
11	T064	5164	Lime	16	350	2	2	2	2	2m East	Good	A mature Lime displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	B2	4.5m	40+
11	T065 x 4	5165	Cherry	8	260	2	2	2	2	2m East	Good	Represents a row of 4 mature Cherry displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	B2	3.6m	20+

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11	T066	5166	Lime	18	360	3	3	3	3	3m East	Good	A mature Lime displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	B2	4.6m	40+
11	T067	5167	Lime	18	360	3	3	3	3	3m East	Good	A mature Lime displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	B2	4.6m	40+
11	T068	5168	Norway Maple	16	430	3	3	3	3	3m East	Good	A mature Norway Maple displaying over all good condition.	М	No works required	No impact	B2	5.3m	20+
11	T069	5169		18	360	3	3	3	3	3m East	Good	A mature Lime displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	B2	4.6m	40+
11	T070	5170	Malus Sylvestris Crab Apple	5	220	3	3	3	3	2m East	Good	An early mature Crab Apple displaying over all good condition	EM	No works required	No impact	C2	3.2m	20+
11	T071	5171	Norway Maple	18	320	3	3	3	3	4m East	Good	A large mature Norway Maple displaying over all good condition. There is some deadwood contained within this tree	М	Remove the deadwood	No impact	B2	4.2m	20+
11	T072	5172	Lime	18	390	3	3	3	3	3m East	Good	A mature Lime displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	B2	4.9m	20+
11	T073	5173	Lime	18	390	3	3	3	3	3m East	Good	A mature Lime displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	B2	4.9m	20+
11	T074	5174	Sycamore	8	160	2	2	2	2	3m East	Good	An early mature variegated Sycamore displaying over all good condition	EM	No works required	No impact	B2	2.6m	40+
11	T075	5175	Lime	14	290	2	2	2	2		Fair	A mature Lime displaying over all fair condition. It has suffered some limb loss in the upper canopy and there is some significant deadwood	М	Remove any broken limbs and remove the deadwood	·	C2	3.9m	10+
11	T076	5176	Norway Maple	18	350	4	4	4	4	4m West	Good	A mature Norway Maple displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	B2	4.5m	20+
11	T077	5177	Norway Maple	18	350	4	4	4	4	4m West	Good	A mature Norway Maple displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	B2	4.5m	20+
11	T078 x 8	8 5178	Malus Domestica Apple & Norway Maple	6	150	1	1	1	1	3m East	Good	Represents a group of 8 early mature Apple and Norway Maple displaying over all good condition	EM	No works required	No impact	C2	2.5m	20+
11	T079 x 7	7 5179		12	290	2	2	2	2	3m East	Good	Represents a group of 7 early mature Cherry displaying over all good condition	EM	No works required	No impact	B2	3.9m	20+

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11	T080 x 2	5180 - 5181	Weeping Willow	20	420	4	4	4	4	3m East	Good	Represents 2 large mature Weeping Willow displaying over all good condition. These are located on the North side of the park along the Poddle river. There is some deadwood contained within the inner canopies	M	Remove the deadwood	e No impact	A2	5.2m	20+
11	T081		Silver Birch	16	240	2	2	2	2	3m East	Good	An early mature Silver Birch displaying over all good condition	EM	No works required	No impact	B2	3.4m	20+
11	T082	5183	Silver Birch	16	240	2	2	2	2	3m East	Good	An early mature Silver Birch displaying over all good condition	EM	No works required	No impact	B2	3.4m	20+
11	T083	5184	Tulip Tree	14	220	2	2	2	2	2m East	Good	An early mature Tulip Tree displaying over all good condition	EM	No works required	No impact	B2	3.2m	20+
11	T084	5185	Silver Birch	16	240	2	2	2	2	3m East	Good	An early mature Silver Birch displaying over all good condition	EM	No works required	No impact	B2	3.4m	20+
11	T085 x 2	5186	<i>Pyrus</i> Pear Tree	4	130	2	2	2	2	2m East	Good	Represents 2 semi- mature Pear Trees displaying over all good condition	SM	No works required	No impact	C2	2.3m	20+
11	T086 x 2	2 5187	Sycamore	6	150	2	2	2	2	3m East	Good	Represents 2 semi- mature variegated Sycamore displaying over all good condition	SM	No works required	No impact	C2	2.5m	20+
11	T087 x 9		Hornbeam	8	220	2	2	2	2	3m East	Good	Represents a group of 9 early mature Hornbeam displaying over all good condition	EM	No works required	No impact	B2	3.2m	20+
11	T088	5189	Sycamore	10	350	4	4	4	4	3m South	Good	A mature variegated Sycamore displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	B2	4.5m	20+
11	T089	5190	Hornbeam	12	300	4	4	4	4	2m East	Good	A mature Hornbeam displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	B2	4.0m	20+
11	T090		Hornbeam	12	300	4	4	4	4	2m East	Good	A mature Hornbeam displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	B2	4.0m	20+
11	T091	5192	Norway Maple	14	350	4	4	4	4	3m East	Good	A mature Norway Maple displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	B2	4.5m	20+
11	T092	5193	Hornbeam	8	250	2	2	2	2	2m East	Good	An early mature Hornbeam displaying over all good condition	EM	No works required	No impact	B2	3.5m	20+

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	id	#		(m)	(mm)	Sp. N	Sp. S	Sp. E	Sp. W	clearance & Dir.	Structural condition	comments	stage		works		Radius m	Remaining yrs
11	T093	5194	Hornbeam	8	250	2	2	2	2	2m East	Good	An early mature Hornbeam displaying over all good condition	EM	No works required	No impact	B2	3.5m	20+
11	T094 x 9	5195	Hawthorn	8	150	2	2	2	2	2m East	Good	Represents a group of 9 early mature Hawthorn displaying over all good condition	EM	No works required	No impact	B2	2.5m	20+
11	T095	5196	Norway Maple	12	370	3	3	3	3	3m East	Good	A large mature Norway Maple displaying over all good condition	M	No works required	No impact	B2	4.7m	20+
11	T096	5197	Hornbeam	12	200	2	2	2	3	2m North	Good	A mature Hornbeam displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	B2	3.0m	20+
11	T097	5198	Hornbeam	12	200	2	2	2	3	2m North	Good	A mature Hornbeam displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	B2	3.0m	20+
11	T098	5199	Sycamore	8	280	2	2	2	2	2m South	Good	The survey is now in Kimmage Grove An early mature Sycamore displaying over all good condition.	EM	No works required	No impact	C2	3.8m	20+
11	T099	5200	Swedish Whitebeam	12	400	3	3	3	3	3m East	Good	A mature Swedish Whitebeam displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	B2	5.0m	20+
11	T100		Norway Maple	12	360	3	3	3	3	3m East	Good	A mature Norway Maple displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	B2	4.6m	20+
11	T101 x 12	5202 - 5203	Lime	14	300	3	3	3	3	2m East	Good	The survey is now in Mount Argnus Park Represents a row of 12 mature Lime displaying over all good condition. These are located in the Southern section of the park and are not affected by the development	M	No works required	No impact	A2	4.0m	40+
11	T102	5204	Hornbeam	8	110	2	2	2	2	2m East	Good	A semi-mature Hornbeam displaying over all good condition	SM	Remove	Remove to facilitate works	C2	2.1m	200
11	T103	5205	Purple Plum	8	250	2	2	2	2	2m East	Fair	A mature Purple Plum displaying over all fair condition. This tree is in decline in the upper canopy which is indicated by significant deadwood	М	Remove	Remove to facilitate works	C2	3.5m	10+

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11	T104 x 4	4 5206 - 5207	Hornbeam	8	100	1	1	1	1	2m East	Good	Represents a row of 4 semi-mature Hornbeam displaying over all good condition.	SM	Remove	Remove to facilitate works	C2	2.0m	20+
11	T105 x 4	4 5208 - 5209	Hornbeam	6	180	1	1	1	1	2m East	Good	Represents a row of 4 semi-mature Hornbeam displaying over all good condition	SM	No works required	No impact	C2	2.8m	20+
11	T106	5210	Cherry	4		1	1	1	1	0	Poor	This tree is dead	SM	This tree can be removed	Remove	U		0
11	T107	5211	<i>Sorbus</i> Mountain Ash	6	180	2	2	2	2	2m North	Good	An early mature Mountain Ash displaying over all good condition	EM	No works required	No impact	C2	2.8m	20+
11	T108	5212	Lime	8	200	2	2	2	2	3m South	Good	An early mature Lime displaying over all good condition	EM	Remove	Remove to facilitate the scheme	B2	3.0m	20+
11	T109 x 4	4 5213	Lime	12	220	2	2	2	2	2m North	Good	Represents mature Lime displaying over all good condition	М	Remove	Remove to facilitate the scheme	B2		40+
11	T110 x 2	2 5214	Norway Maple	6	200	2	2	2	2	2m East	Fair	Represents 2 semi- mature Norway Maple displaying over all fair condition. There is some deadwood throughout the trees		Remove the deadwood		C2	3.0m	10+
11	T111 x 3	3 5215	Sycamore	14	300	3	3	3	3	2m East	Good	Represents 3 mature Sycamore displaying over all good condition. These trees form the first 3 trees in a formal row of trees along the canal		No works required	No impact	B2	4.0m	20+
11	T112 x 6	5216 - 5217	Lime	14	240	2	2	2	2	4m East	Good	Represents a row of 6 mature Lime displaying over all good condition	М	No works required	No impact	B2	3.4m	20+
11	T113	5218	Saccharinum Silver Maple	16	280	2	2	2	2	3m East	Fair	A large mature Silver Maple displaying over all fair condition. It has been heavily pruned in the past		Remove	Remove to facilitate the scheme	B2	3.8m	20+
11	T114 x 3	3 5219 - 5220	Sycamore	18	320	2	2	3	3	2m east	Good	Represents a row of 3 mature Sycamore displaying over all good condition	M	No works required	No impact	B2	4.2m	20+

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11	T115 x 6	5221 5222	Lime	8	200	2	2	2	2	2m East	Fair	Represents a row of 6 early mature Lime displaying over all fair condition. They are all showing evidence of early decline due to the harsh environment they are growing in. These are located within a central aisle of Clanbrasall Street Lower		Consider for removal	No impact	C2	3.0m	10+
11	T116 x 3	3 5223	Hornbeam	10	200	2	2	2	2	2m East	Good	Represents a row of early mature Hornbeam displaying over all good condition	EM	Remove	Remove 1 to facilitate the scheme	B2	3m	20+
11	T117	5224	Acer Campestre Field Maple	6	200	3	3	3	3	2m East	Good	An early mature Field Maple displaying over all good condition	EM	No works required	No impact	B2	3.0m	20+
11	T118	5225	Cherry	8	240	3	3	3	3	2m East	Fair	A mature Cherry displaying over all fair condition. It is showing signs of decline in the upper canopy	М	Consider for removal	No impact	C2	3.4m	10+
11	T119	5226	Cherry	8	240	3	3	3	3	2m East	Fair	A mature Cherry displaying over all fair condition. It is showing signs of decline in the upper canopy	М	retain	No impact	C2	3.4m	10+
11	T120 x 2	2 5227	Lime	6	220	2	2	2	2		Fair	Represents 2 early mature Lime displaying over all fair condition. They are showing evidence of decline	EM	Retain	No impact	C2	3.2m	10+
11	T121 x 8	_ 5229		6	200	2	2	2	2	2m East	Good	Represents a row of 8 early mature Lime displaying over all good condition. These are located in the central aisle of New Street South.	EM	No works required	No impact	B2	3.0m	20+
11	T121	5230 x2	Cherry	6	200	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	2m east	Fair	2 cherry in fair condition negatively pruned due to the overhead wires	EM	Remove	Remove to facilitate the scheme	C2	3m	10+

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11	T122	5231 x 2	Lime	12	280	3	3	3	3	1.5m east	Good	Two large mature limes	М	No works required	No impact	A2	3.8m	20+
11	T123	5232	Hornbeam	8	180	1	1	1	1	2m east	Good	An early mature hornbeam	EM	No works required	No impact	B2	2.8m	20+
11	T124	5233	Lime	6	150	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1m north	Good	An early mature lime	EM	No works required	No impact	B2	2.5m	20+
11	T124	5234	Lime	6	150	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1m north	Good	An early mature lime	EM	No works required	No impact	B2	2.5m	20+
11	T125	5235	Lime	6	150	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1m north	Good	An early mature lime	EM	No works required	No impact	B2	2.5m	20+
11	T128 x 10	5236	Lime	10	180	2	2	2	2	2m East	Fair	Represents a row of 10 semi-mature Lime displaying over all fair condition. There is evidence of decline in the upper canopies	SM	No works required	No impact	C2	2.8m	10+
11	T129 x 6	5237	Swedish Whitebeam	12	300	2	2	2	2	3m East	Good	Represents a row of 6 mature Swedish Whitebeam displaying over all good condition	M	No works required	No impact	B2	4.0m	20+
11	T130	5238	Purple plum	4	220	1	1	1	1	1m east	Fair	Cherry in fair condition, in decline	EM	Remove	Remove to facilitate works	C2		10+

Appendix B

Arboricultural Method Statement

B1 Arboricultural Method Statement Overview

This Arboricultural Method Statement details the specification for tree protection measures and how sensitive operations are to be achieved in proximity to trees to be retained. It also addresses the general management of site activities to ensure that retained trees are not inadvertently damaged.

This document may need to be amended to reflect more detailed or updated information as it becomes available. The final agreed version must be read in conjunction with the final Tree Protection Plan (to be developed) and copies of both documents must be permanently available on site for reference throughout the works. No changes may take place to the content or application of the Method Statement without the prior written approval of the Project Arboriculturist

When planning permission is in place, some details (including changes in layout, services, materials, tree protection measures and the order of works) may be subject to change. No changes should be enacted without the prior written approval of the Project Arboriculturist. The Method Statement must be reviewed in advance of the commencement.

B2 Pre commencement site meeting

Prior to the commencement of works on site a meeting must take place including the contractor and the Project Arboriculturist. This meeting will allow a further discussion of the programme of works, tree protection measures, the locations of the areas for storage/site organisation and the agreement of any changes to the Method Statement which will then be formally updated and approved as required.

Order of operations

- 1 Pre commencement Site meeting;
- 2 Preliminary tree works;
- 3 Site briefing for Site personnel;
- 4 Installation of protective fencing and ground protection as required;
- 5 Demolition and enabling works including utility diversions;
- 6 Re-adjustment of protective fencing and ground protection as required;
- 7 Construction operations;
- 8 Re-adjustment of protective fencing and ground protection as required;
- 9 Installation of new hard surfaces and hard landscaping;
- 10 Site signed off on agreed completion of significant development works;
- 11 Dismantling of tree protection measures;
- 12 Soft landscaping works within the Root Protection Area (RPA) of retained trees;

B4 Preliminary tree works

All approved tree works are to be completed by suitably qualified and insured contractors and must take place before protective fencing is installed and any Site works begin.

All tree works must be carried out in line with the principles of BS3998: 2010 Tree work – recommendations and be conducted in such a way that no damage is caused to any tree to be retained. The tree works contractor must avoid the production of ruts on unmade ground.

A tree works specification which identifies trees to be felled or pruned is included in the schedule in Appendix A.

Due to the extensive nature of the Site and the potential for tree growth in the period between planning and construction, prior to the commencement of works on a given area of the Site a walkover must be undertaken by the Site team including the Project Arboriculturist to determine if any additional tree works are likely to be required to facilitate the development.

If further additional tree works are deemed to be required during the construction period, the advice of the Project Arboriculturist is to be obtained. No tree works are to take place without the consent of the Project Arboriculturist.

Prior to the commencement of any tree works a thorough check for protected species (including nesting birds, bats and badgers) is to be undertaken. If evidence of any protected species is discovered the advice of a suitably qualified ecologist must be obtained. Tree works are to be undertaken outside of the typical nesting bird season (March to September).

Outside of this period any individual trees will be inspected for evidence of nesting birds by a suitably qualified person prior to works being carried out.

B5 Site briefing

The Site Manager is responsible for ensuring that all personnel are made fully aware of the constraints posed by retained trees on site and the measures in place to ensure they are protected, including having full on-site access to the Arboricultural Method Statement and Tree Protection Plan (TPP). It is good practice for the Project Arboriculturist to be involved in the site briefing to ensure all constraints and tree protection measures are clearly understood.

B6 Site monitoring

Site monitoring shall be established to guide contractors on Site, ensure that tree protection measures are implemented and adhered to.

This includes site visits by the Project Arboriculturist to confirm the correct installation of protective fencing, to oversee sensitive elements of works within the RPA of retained trees and to sign off the site when works are complete before fencing can be dismantled.

The frequency of Site monitoring will be agreed in writing before works begin on Site (but is recommended to be at least every four weeks in addition to ad hoc monitoring of particularly sensitive operations near retained trees as required).

B7 Toolbox talk

A toolbox talk should be provided to Site workers to highlight the need for safe driving of plant and working within the defined corridor to ensure that accidents and resulting potential damage to trees not covered by tree protection measures are eliminated. A copy of the TPP should be used in the process of explaining to all personal the requirements required to ensure retained trees are not damaged and copies of both the TPP and this Method Statement must be available in the Site office at all times.

B8 Protective fencing

In many areas of the Site the works are contained within the existing highway boundary bordered by existing walls or fencing and surrounded by hard surfacing. In such cases no additional tree protection fencing is likely to be required.

Where retained trees are at risk of damage, the default position as set out by BS 5837:2012 is that retained trees must be protected from construction operations with the erection of robust protective fencing positioned on the outer edge of the RPA or crown spread (whichever is greatest).

All site operations will be restricted to the area outside of tree protection fencing and this area will form a Construction Exclusion Zone (CEZ) unless agreed otherwise. Protection measures will be installed as set out in the Tree Protection Plan.

The area inside the fence and any additional tree protection measures will be sacrosanct and must not be removed or altered without the prior approval of the Project Arboriculturist. Any damage to tree protection measures must be reported immediately.

Default Specification:

Fencing shall be constructed with robust vertical and horizontal scaffold framework with weldmesh panels firmly attached in accordance with BS 5837:2012 Figure 2. Vertical support poles and bracing poles must be located with care to avoid underground utility services and will be sited to avoid the structural roots of retained trees. Where driven supports are not practicable due to the presence of roots or underground utilities block trays, counterweights or equivalent can be utilised.

B9 Ground protection

Existing hard surfacing will act as fit for purpose ground protection where it is to be retained within the RPA of retained trees. For existing areas of unsurfaced ground within RPAs where construction access is unavoidable, ground protection will be required to protect the structure of the soil from compaction. This should also apply to areas for new tree planting.

As set out in section 6.2.3.3 of BS5837:2012 the following ground protection measures will be appropriate:

- Suitable ground protection for pedestrian only access will comprise a single thickness of scaffold boards set on a compressible layer of 100mm of woodchip on a geotextile separation layer.
- Pedestrian operated plant up to two tonnes in weight will require the use of a proprietary ground protection system (such as Ground Guards, Eki mats, Eve Trakway or equivalent) set on a minimum depth of 150mm woodchip or sharp sand.
- Heavier loads will require ground protection to an engineering specification in conjunction with arboricultural advice.

As a guide, the threshold beyond which root development is significantly affected is a bulk density ranging from 1.4g per cm3 for clay soils, to 1.75g per cm3 for sandy soils.

B10 Carriageway widening into footway or verge

Where the carriageway is to be widened into the existing footway or verge within the RPA of a retained tree, this must be supervised by the Project Arboriculturist.

The outer extent of the required excavation (nearest to the tree) should be carefully excavated by hand to allow roots to be assessed and pruned as necessary. Exposed roots must be covered with hessian sacking or equivalent. The existing kerb edging and haunching can then be very carefully removed with an excavator working from the existing carriageway, reaching towards the tree and working backwards, reverting to working using hand tools in areas close to retained tree roots as required.

New edging must have the thinnest profile and extent of haunching practicable and pinned alternatives will be applied where practicable. Backfill is to utilise the excavated parent material to replicate the original soil profile.

The sub-base for replacement hard surfacing (where required) must be hand tamped only to prevent significant compaction of the underlying soil.

B11 Footway or verge widening into existing carriageway

Where the footway is to be widened into the existing carriageway, the existing kerb will need to be carefully removed under arboricultural supervision. Kerb stones must be removed using hand tools including pneumatic breakers. Plant positioned on the carriageway can lift out kerb sections using slings. Haunching must be carefully broken out by hand. Any exposed roots must then be covered with soil or hessian to prevent drying out. There will be no constraint on new edging or haunching as it will sit within or above the existing build-up of the carriageway where no roots are present. Backfill must utilise good quality topsoil where the verge is being widened. Where the footway is being widened the new section of the footway can be constructed using a standard methodology providing that the sub-base of the existing footway is retained intact and undisturbed.

B12 Removal and/or replacement of an existing hard surface within an RPA

At the time of writing, the full extent of resurfacing has not been fully determined but there is a potential for extensive areas of resurfacing across the Scheme. Where resurfacing is required within the RPA of a retained tree the following principles will apply:

Replacement hard surfacing on top of existing surface:

Where practicable, the new hard surface is to be installed on top of the existing surface and the existing edging is to be retained intact.

Removal of existing surface (wearing course):

Before work commences, the Project Arboriculturist will assess the potential for significant roots immediately below the wearing course and in such areas, all works must be achieved by hand. The wearing course must be removed with hand tools (including a handheld pneumatic breaker where required). The existing surface must be 'rolled back' with contractors working from the existing hard surface and with pedestrian only access on the exposed sub-base. With the prior agreement of the Project Arboriculturist, it will be acceptable to use light tracked machinery such as a mini excavator with an untoothed bucket to assist with the removal of the existing surfacing where this can be achieved without damage to any significant roots beneath.

Machinery must work from existing hard standing only. Where surface roots are obviously present (and at the junction between hard and soft ground) surfacing is to be removed by hand only.

Restoring hard surfacing to soft ground:

Following the removal of the wearing course the sub-base is to be broken up using hand tools via pedestrian access only. Materials must be removed using wheelbarrows or via hand loading of long reach machinery positioned on adjacent hard surfacing or ground protection. The sub-base is to be rolled back. Following removal, any low points or hollows are to be filled with sharp sand or gravel and topsoil be applied to the required level which can then be seeded or turfed as required. This area must then be completely fenced off for the remainder of the works or be otherwise protected with ground protection.

Installing replacement pedestrian or light vehicular hard surfacing on an existing sub-base.

The sub-base must be retained intact, ameliorated as required and utilised for the new surface. Levels are to be increased using inert granular fill by a maximum of 100mm. The sub-base must be hand tamped only to prevent significant compaction of the underlying soil.

Exposed roots must be treated in accordance with the guidelines in Section B19 of this Method Statement.

Following the removal of existing hard surfacing, the unprotected ground within RPAs must be immediately protected with protective fencing and/or ground protection (where access is required) as set out in Section B9 to ensure that the structure of the soil and tree roots are protected.

Pedestrian only access onto the exposed and retained sub-base will be acceptable to allow the installation of replacement hard surfacing. The new surface should be laid as soon as practicable.

Any exposed roots greater than 25mm in diameter must be assessed by the Project Arboriculturist.

If roots which are to be retained are exposed at ground level these should be covered with a thin layer of sharp sand and adjacent levels built up around it. This layer must not be significantly compacted, and hand tamped only.

Installing replacement heavy vehicular hard surfacing on an existing sub-base:

The sub-base must be retained intact, ameliorated as required and utilised for the new surface. Exposed roots are unlikely to be encountered due to the heavily engineered sub-base of the existing surface. Where encountered any roots must be treated in accordance with the guidelines in Section B19 of this Method Statement. The new surface must be rolled out working from the existing sub-base only.

Surfacing operations are to be conducted solely from the existing footprint of the road. Access beyond the footprint will be restricted with Tree Protection Barriers as necessary.

Edging:

Existing edging within the RPA of a retained tree will be retained intact and used as the edging for the new surface.

Where the removal of existing edging is unavoidable within an RPA, this will be removed carefully by hand under the supervision of the Project Arboriculturist.

Plant positioned outside of the RPA, or on existing hard surfacing within the RPA, may reach in to assist in lifting edging out of its position using slings but must not be used to excavate around the edging unless otherwise agreed in advance with the Project Arboriculturist.

Where practicable, new edging must be installed without excavation using pinned alternatives. Where an excavated edge is unavoidable both the edging and any footing must have the narrowest profile practicable. Where significant roots are present, which cannot be pruned, reinforced sections of kerb acting as lintels to bridge important roots will be applied where practicable.

B13 Installation of new hard surfacing within RPAs

Very small areas of new hard surfacing in the outer RPA of a retained tree can be constructed using hand excavation supervised by the Project Arboriculturist. Due to the very small incursion within an RPA, no specialist construction measures will be required. No roots greater than 25mm in diameter will be severed without the consent of the Project Arboriculturist. Where significant roots are encountered, the methodology set out below will be applied to avoid root severance. The approach below will apply where any significant area of new surfacing is required within the RPA of a retained tree.

Three-Dimensional Load Bearing Raft:

Construction of the significant areas of new footway or cycleway hard surfacing within the RPA of retained trees shall follow 'no dig' principles. The surface shall be engineer designed to meet the highest expected loads, including those used for the construction of the route.

A proprietary 3D cellular confinement system will be used to allow the hard surface to be installed without excavation within RPAs.

Work will preferably be carried out in dry conditions within the period of May to October when the ground is less liable to compaction.

Existing ground vegetation shall be treated with an approved herbicide such as glyphosate, 2-3 weeks before construction takes place. Killed vegetation can then be subject to a maximum 50 mm vegetative scrape which must take place by hand. Any arisings shall be removed (if left in situ they could cause anaerobic conditions as they break down which could be detrimental to tree roots).

Any hollows must be filled with inert granular material such as sharp sand or washed no fines gravel.

Builder's sand must not be used as this contains salts which are toxic to tree roots.

Any rocks, stumps (if present) or other protruding objects within the footprint of the load bearing surface must be removed. Stumps must be ground out below ground level. All other objects must be removed by hand.

A robust geotextile membrane must be laid out across the proposed area for the load bearing surface within the RPA. Joints must overlap by approx. 300 mm and be stapled together. This must be capable of resisting puncture by the angular stone fill, and also able to filter pollutants to prevent or reduce contamination of the soil. The load bearing surface is only required within the RPAs.

It is essential to consider the final levels of the load bearing surface which will typically be 75mm-100 mm in thickness for footway or cycleway applications plus the final wearing course (dependent on its application).

The final surface must be resistant to future growth of tree roots and also must be positioned to give a minimum clearance of 500mm from the base of a retained tree. The resulting gap can be filled with inert granular fill, if required. A three-dimensional load bearing surface which allows the lateral and horizontal movement of air and water (e.g., Cellweb or equivalent), must be fully expanded and stapled together. This is to be laid on top of the geotextile layer. This surface must be able to support the greatest expected load the surface is likely to experience (including any construction traffic).

The load bearing surface shall be 'rolled out', with construction operations beginning from outside the RPA or from existing hard standing and progressing forwards using the new load bearing surface. The load bearing surface must be filled with 4/20, 20/20 or 20/40 washed angular stone.

Edging is not typically required to stabilise the load bearing surface and the edge of the surface. If edging is required, this must be installed without excavation within RPAs. Appropriate methods would include the use of treated wooden peg and boards.

Concrete kerb stones can be cast directly onto the web if required, however all uncured concrete must be fully contained with impermeable plastic sheeting and sandbags to prevent run off into the RPA of retained trees. The use, storage and mixing of concrete must comply with the provisions set out in section B19.

Where a road edge kerb must be installed by excavation this must be of the thinnest profile practicable with the minimum extent of haunching feasible and all excavation work must be undertaken by hand with any roots managed under the guidance of the Project Arboriculturist. Alternative kerb construction may be required where significant roots are identified (such as using lintels or equivalent to bridge important roots).

The load bearing surface must have an even transition with adjacent hard surfacing or structures. This must be achieved outside of the RPA of all retained trees. Where this is not practicable, structural soil or a mixture of topsoil and sharp sand can be employed to raise levels by up to 100mm. Where levels are to be raised in excess of this height the advice of the Project Arboriculturist must be obtained.

B14 Demolition

Existing boundary walls, noise barriers, footbridges, lamp columns and other structures are to be demolished within or close to the RPA of retained trees. All demolition must be inward into the existing footprint of the structure or away from tree positions and be achieved by working backwards away from retained trees. No arisings are to fall or be stored in unsurfaced or protected areas of tree RPAs.

All plant and machinery associated with the demolition process will be positioned outside of the RPA of retained trees or on existing hard surfacing or ground protection and must operate under the guidance of a banksman where they must operate within 5m of any part of a retained tree.

Existing footings are to be retained, in situ where practicable to minimise disturbance. Where removal is unavoidable, footings within RPAs must be broken out carefully by hand, or where feasible via the careful use of plant positioned outside of RPAs or on ground protection/existing hard surfacing under the supervision of the Project Arboriculturist.

B15 Construction of New Boundary Walls

Where a new wall cannot avoid an RPA, specialist construction methods must be employed to prevent extensive root severance. Footings must utilise carefully located pads or narrow diameter piles with floating beams (at or above ground level) unless the presence of significant roots has been otherwise discounted following trial excavations under the supervision of the Project Arboriculturist.

Footings must be carefully positioned with hand dug (potentially using compressed air/soil vacuum) trial holes or trenches to identify optimal positioning to avoid significant roots.

Ground protection must be in place where repeated access is required over unsurfaced ground within an RPA.

B16 Installation of Piles

Where new piles are to be installed within or close to the RPA or retained trees the canopy of the tree is to be pruned back before any construction work commences on Site to provide a clearance of the pile head to facilitate this work. For smaller piles, smaller plant or pedestrian installation only should be applied.

Piling rigs to be sited outside of the RPA or on ground protection within an RPA and protective fencing is to be installed to maintain an exclusion zone within as much of the RPA as practicable.

The piling rig is to be positioned as far from the canopy and RPA of the tree as practicable and reach inwards.

B17 Movement of Vehicles and People and the Movement and Operation of Machinery

Due to the spatial constraints on site, construction works and in particular the use of machinery must be carefully coordinated to avoid damage to retained trees. A banksman must be in place for any operations which occur within 5m of any part of a retained tree. Long reach machinery with jibs, booms

or counterweights will require particular care.

Where trees are at risk of impact damage from plant that cannot be controlled with fencing or a careful working methodology, consideration must be given to any requirement for access to facilitate pruning which must be agreed in advance with the Project Arboriculturist.

B18 Site organisation, storage and mixing of materials

The area of constraint associated with retained trees within, or surrounding compounds will be fenced off as an exclusion zone at the outset.

The storage and mixing of materials and any re-fuelling shall take place at least 5m from the RPA of any retained trees and also take into account any potential for run off. Where this is an issue, measures such as bunding with robust impermeable polythene sheeting and sandbags must be put in place to prevent accidental run off reaching the rooting zone of retained trees.

No changes in ground level are permitted within the RPA of a retained tree.

No fires shall take place within an RPA or within 5m of any part of a retained tree. No signs, cables or other items are to be attached to any part of a retained tree.

B19 General principles for the management of tree roots

Where agreed excavation by hand tools or compressed air takes place within an RPA the following principles will apply:

- Individual or small groups of roots less than 25 mm in diameter will be retained where practicable but can be severed with a sharp tool such as secateurs or pruning saws to leave a clean-cut end (ideally 100mm back from the face of the excavation to account for future regrowth) where they pose an obstruction.
- Where roots are encountered which are larger than 25 mm in diameter or where significant groups of smaller roots are found, the advice of the Project Arboriculturist must be sought to decide an appropriate course of action.
- Roots must only be exposed for the minimum period practicable. In the interim period any exposed roots
 (including the face of any excavation within an RPA) must be completely covered with dampened hessian
 sacking (which may require ongoing re wetting) to avoid drying out and exposure to light. Backfill for
 excavations should ideally utilise the parent material and must not be significantly compacted.

B20 Installation of new lamp columns, road signs and bus shelters

Where new features such as lamp columns, road signs or bus shelters are to be installed within the RPA of a retained tree, the final position of the feature must be adjusted to give the greatest clearance of adjacent tree stems practicable and to reduce any conflict with tree branches or any requirement for pruning.

Footings must be excavated by hand or compressed air (e.g., air spade/soil vacuum) for at least the upper 0.5-1m and be adjusted to avoid significant tree roots. Footings must be the smallest dimensions feasible and utilise screw piles or equivalent where necessary. Any uncured concrete required must use the driest mix feasible and excavations must be lined with an impermeable liner to prevent uncured concrete leaching into the surrounding soil. Any cabling must be installed in accordance with the principles set out in B22.

B21 Installation of new drainage within RPAs

Drainage has been designed to avoid the RPA of retained trees as much as practicable. Solutions such as surface channels, off set chambers positioned to avoid RPAs as much as practicable and hand excavated sections of piped filter drain positioned to avoid trees roots will be utilised to further reduce impacts on adjacent trees as appropriate. Where excavation for new drainage must take place within an RPA, the method of installation will be agreed in advance with the Project Arboriculturist and will typically involve the nearest area of excavation to the tree being completed by hand or equivalent to allow significant roots to be carefully exposed and pruned. Roots will be managed in accordance with the principles set out in Section B19.

B22 Installation or diversion of utilities within RPAs

Utility diversion and new utilities have not been fully defined at this stage. The default position is that all services be located outside of the RPA of retained trees. In the context of this Site, it is not feasible to fully avoid the RPA of retained trees and therefore either trenchless installation below tree root systems or hand dug/compressed air excavation through RPAs where significant roots can be retained and worked around, will be required.

Use of trenchless techniques:

Where services can't avoid the RPA of retained trees, the primary consideration must be to install them using trenchless insertion techniques such as impact moling, direct drilling or equivalent.

Insertion and retrieval pits must be located outside of the RPA of retained trees. The depth of the run must be at least 2m below ground level and should be located as far from the tree as practicable.

The mole must be lubricated with water only.

Installation must follow the principles set out in the National Joint Utilities Group (NJUG) Vol 4: Guidelines for the planning, installation, and maintenance of utility apparatus in proximity to trees (issue 2) and BS5837 Section 7.7 and Table 3.

Replacement pipes must be installed via pipe bursting, relining or equivalent trenchless techniques where they are located within the RPA of a retained tree. Pipe bursting or relining equipment must be positioned outside of the RPA at all times.

Hand digging:

Where trenchless installation isn't feasible, shallow utility runs can be installed via hand or compressed air/soil vacuum excavation. The excavation will be located as far from the stem of the tree as practicable and must be carried out by hand (ideally using compressed air such as an Air Spade and soil vacuum) under the supervision of the Project Arboriculturist.

Pedestrian only access will be permitted, and ground protection measures as set out in Section B10 will be employed where no hard surfacing is in place, with fencing positioned immediately adjacent to restrict any further access into RPAs.

Excavation will be supervised by the Project Arboriculturist who will be on hand to advise on the management of any roots encountered and to ensure the approved tree protection methodology is fully adhered to. Roots smaller than 25mm in diameter can be cut with a clean sharp tool where they pose an obstruction.

Should significant roots (larger than 25mm diameter or large clumps of smaller roots) be encountered, these will be retained and wrapped in dampened hessian to prevent drying out and pipes will be routed around them wherever practicable. If significant roots are encountered which cannot be feasibly worked around and retained, appropriate action will be agreed with the Project Arboriculturist.

Pipes must be constructed to resist future incursion by tree roots.

All spoil/ arisings from excavation will be placed onto ground protection boards to prevent compaction, ground level changes and to assist in removal or reinstatement. Backfill is to utilise the excavated parent material where feasible, applied to restore the soil profile to its original structure (i.e., topsoil will be installed last) and must be lightly hand tamped only.

Services shall be installed following the principles set out in the National Joint Utilities Group (NJUG) Vol 4: Guidelines for the planning, installation, and maintenance of utility apparatus in proximity to trees (issue 2).

B23 Redundant utilities

Where existing services are to be removed, these must be winched out from an access/inspection chamber located outside of an RPA or left in situ.

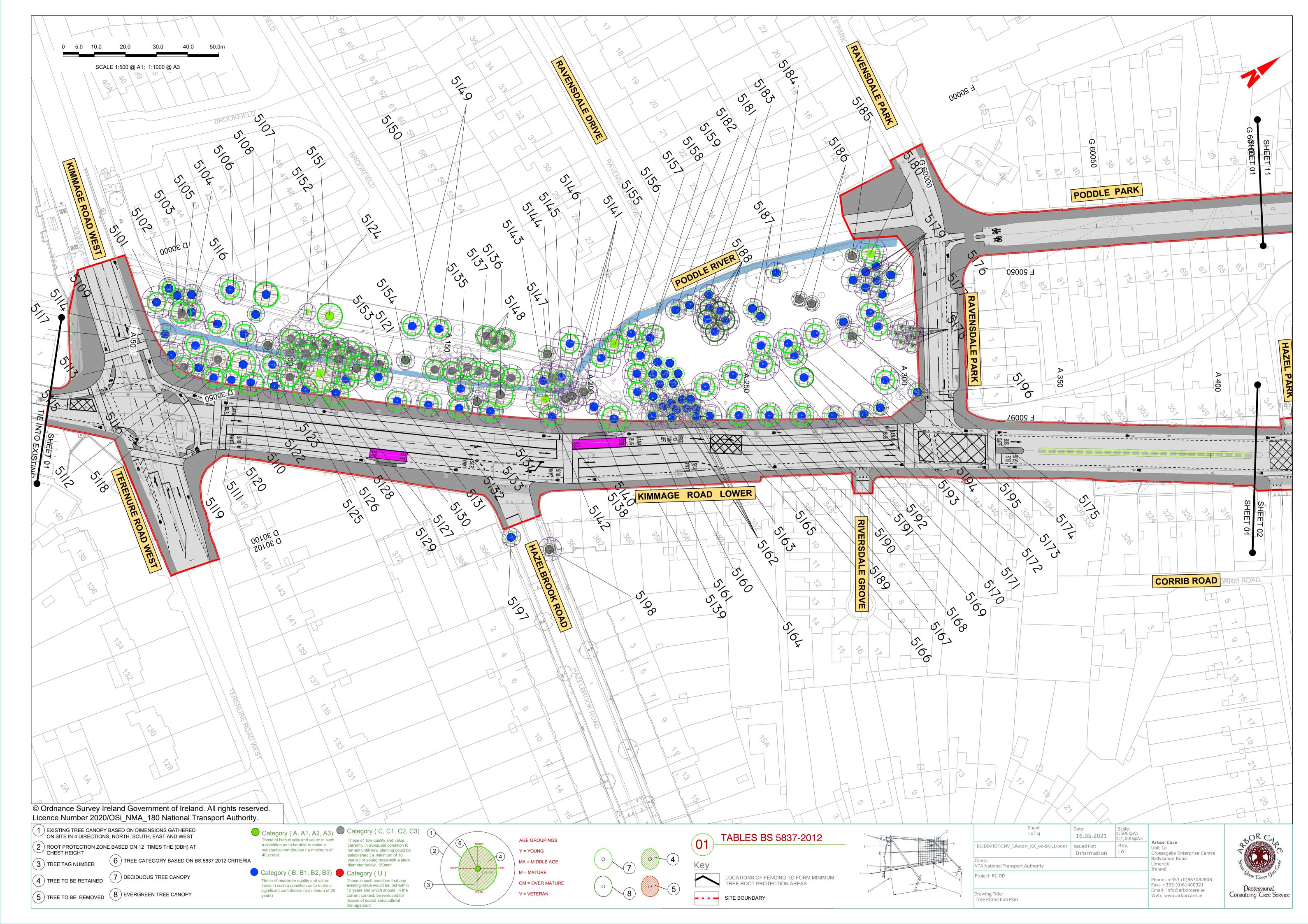
Redundant pipework will be sealed off and will not be removed via excavation within the RPA of a retained tree.

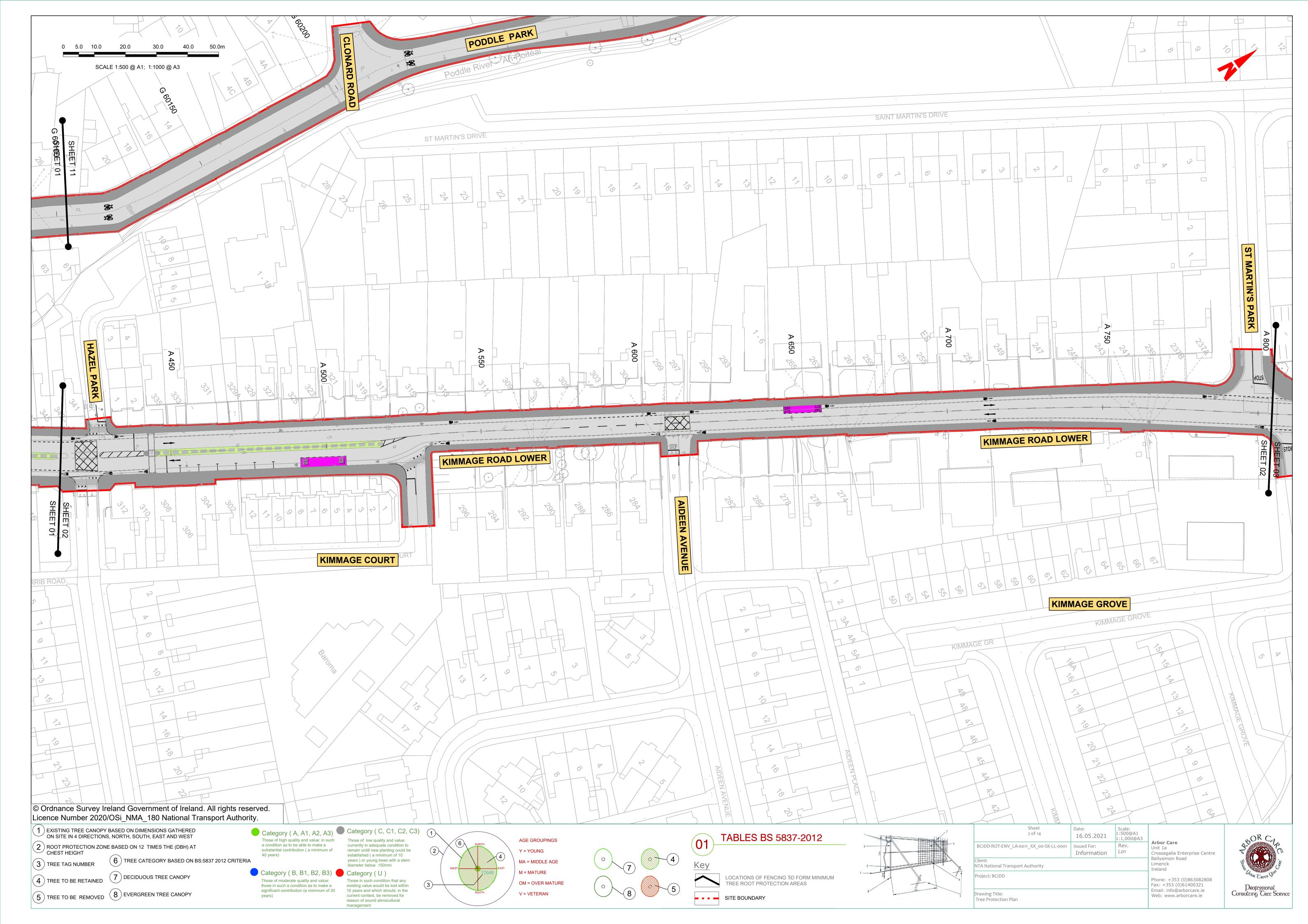
Redundant pipework can be filled with an inert material or if confirmed to be fully watertight, may be filled with foamed concrete applied from an access point located outside the RPA of all retained trees. Concrete must be managed in accordance with section B18 of this Method Statement.

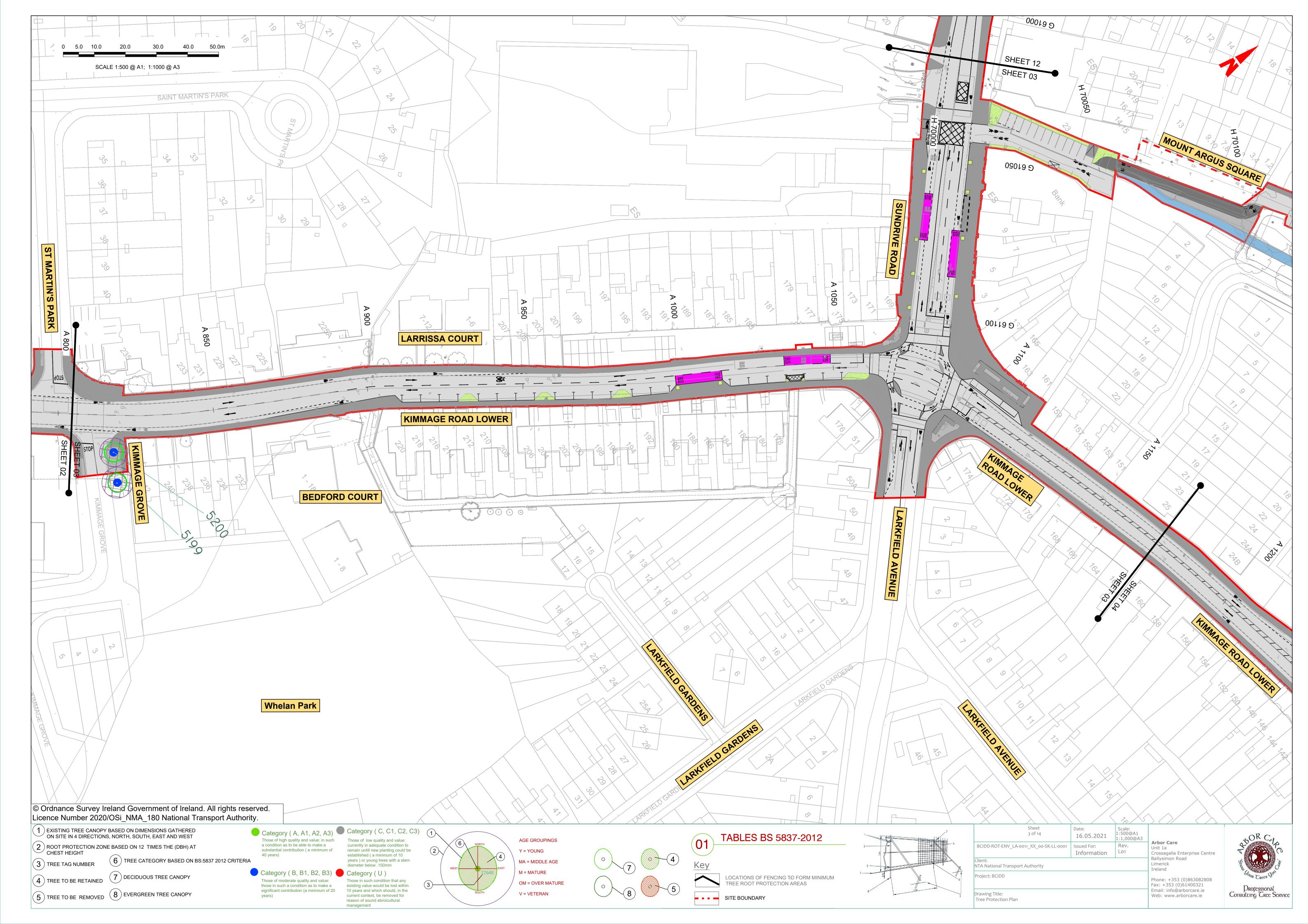
B24 Dismantling of tree protection measures

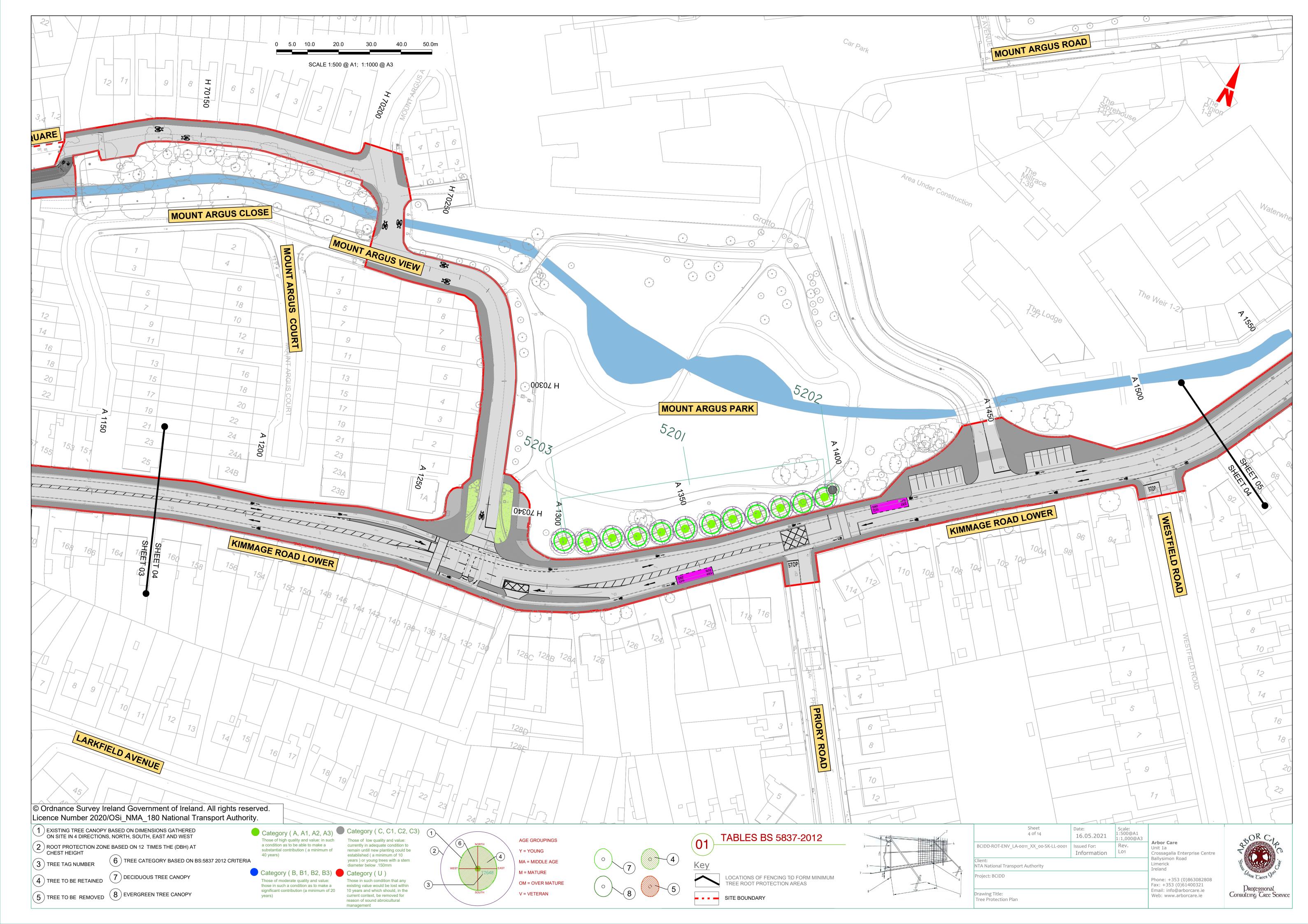
All protective fencing and ground protection must remain in place until all significant site works for a given location have been completed and approval has been obtained from the Project Arboriculturist.

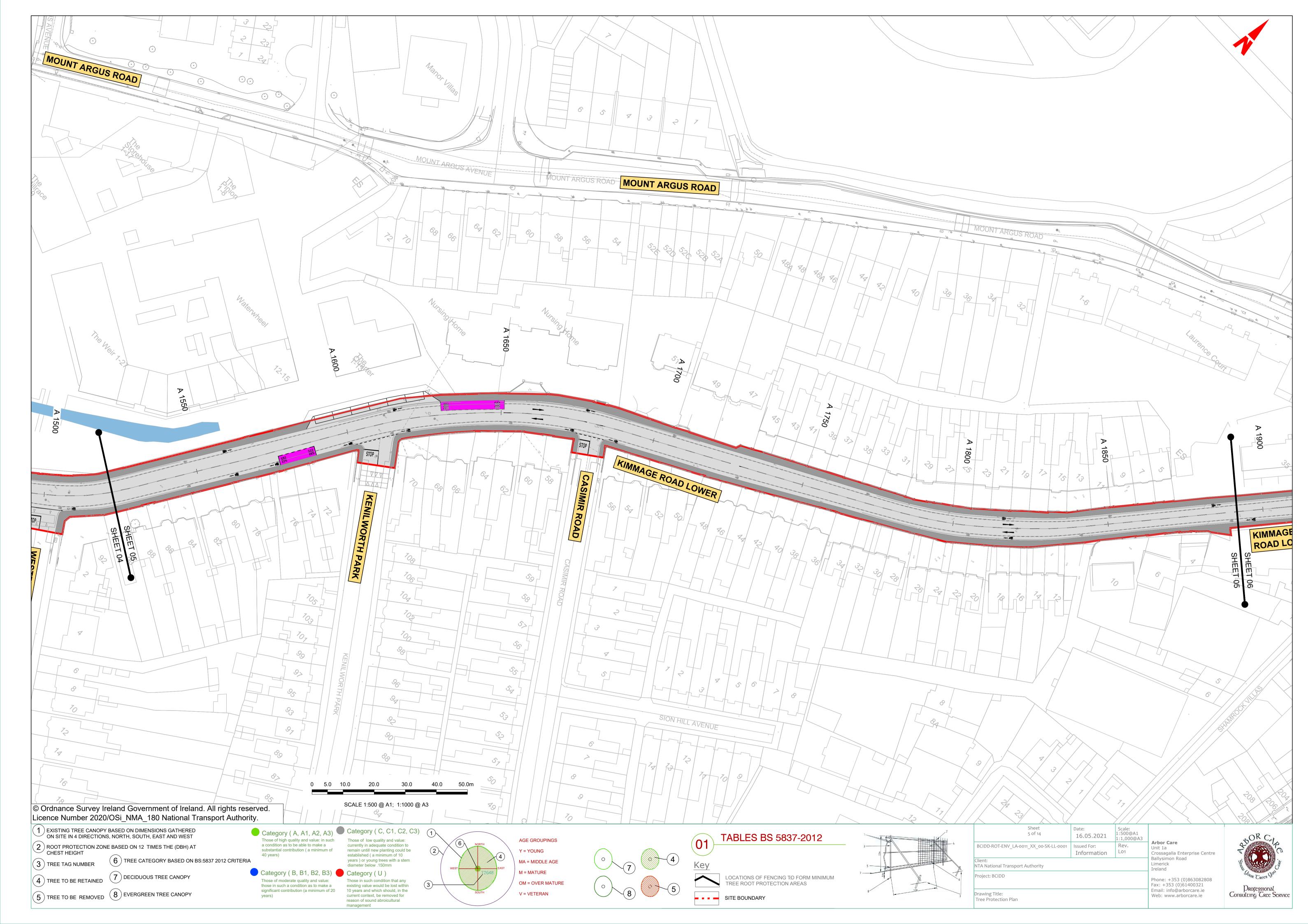
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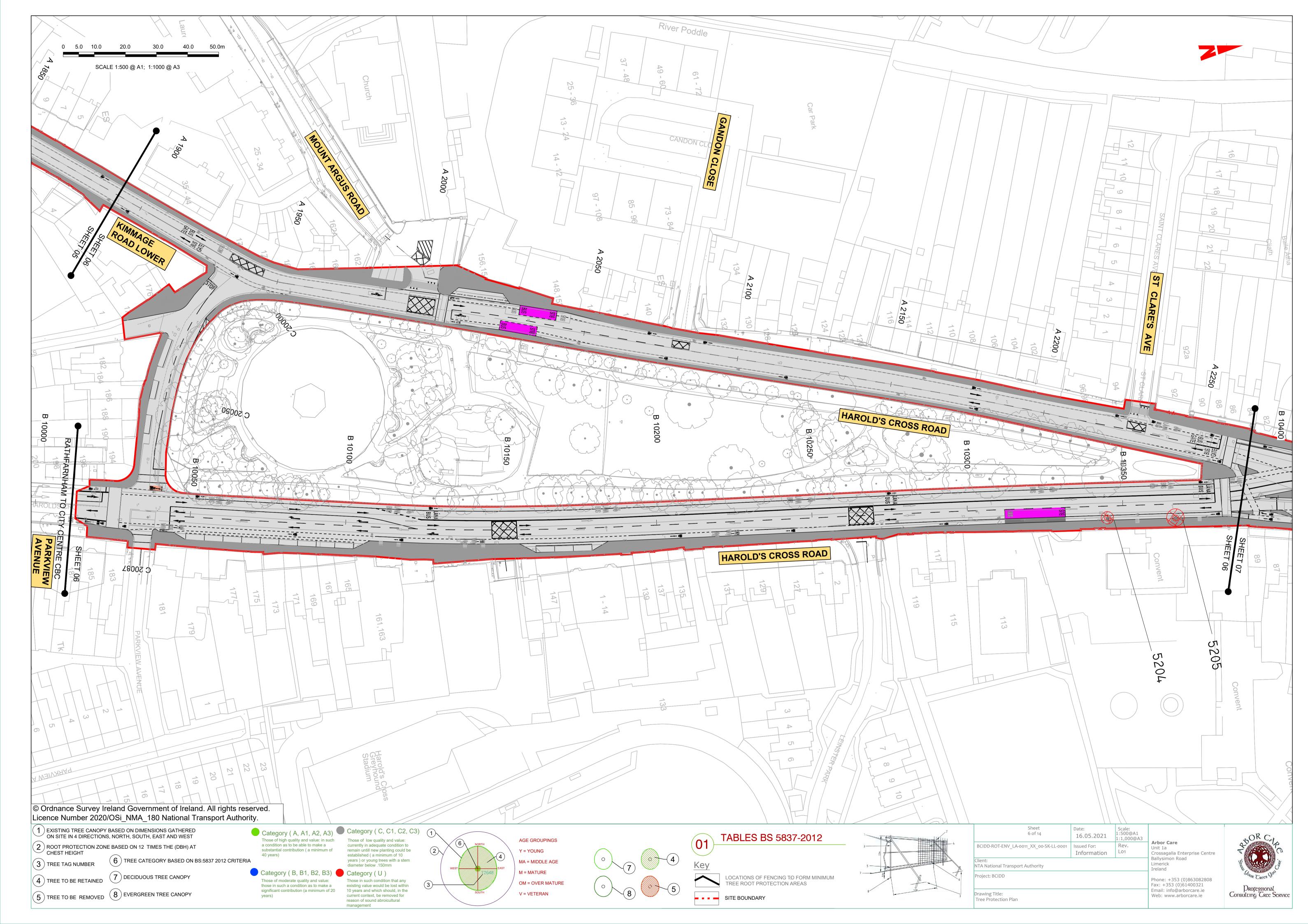


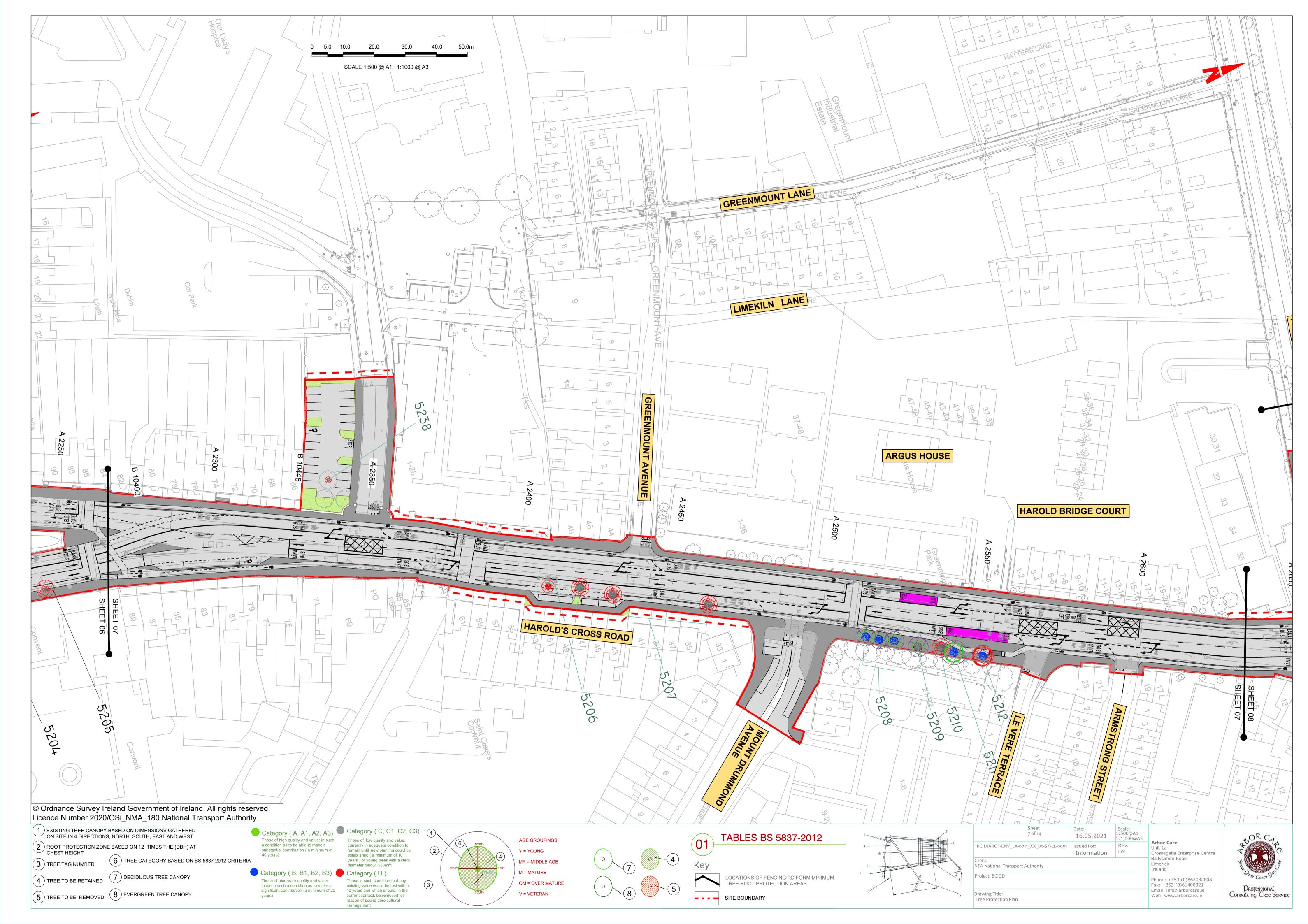


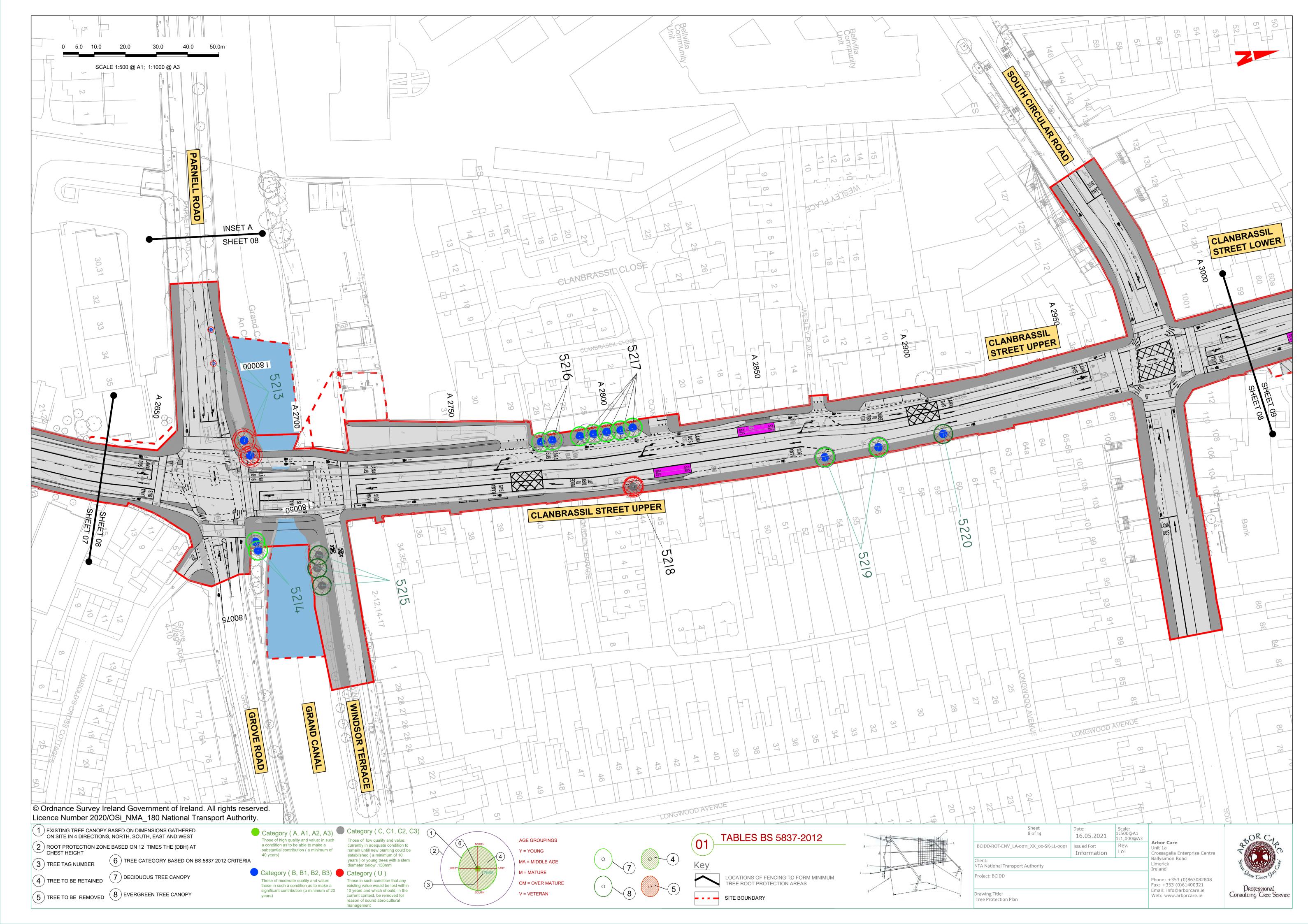


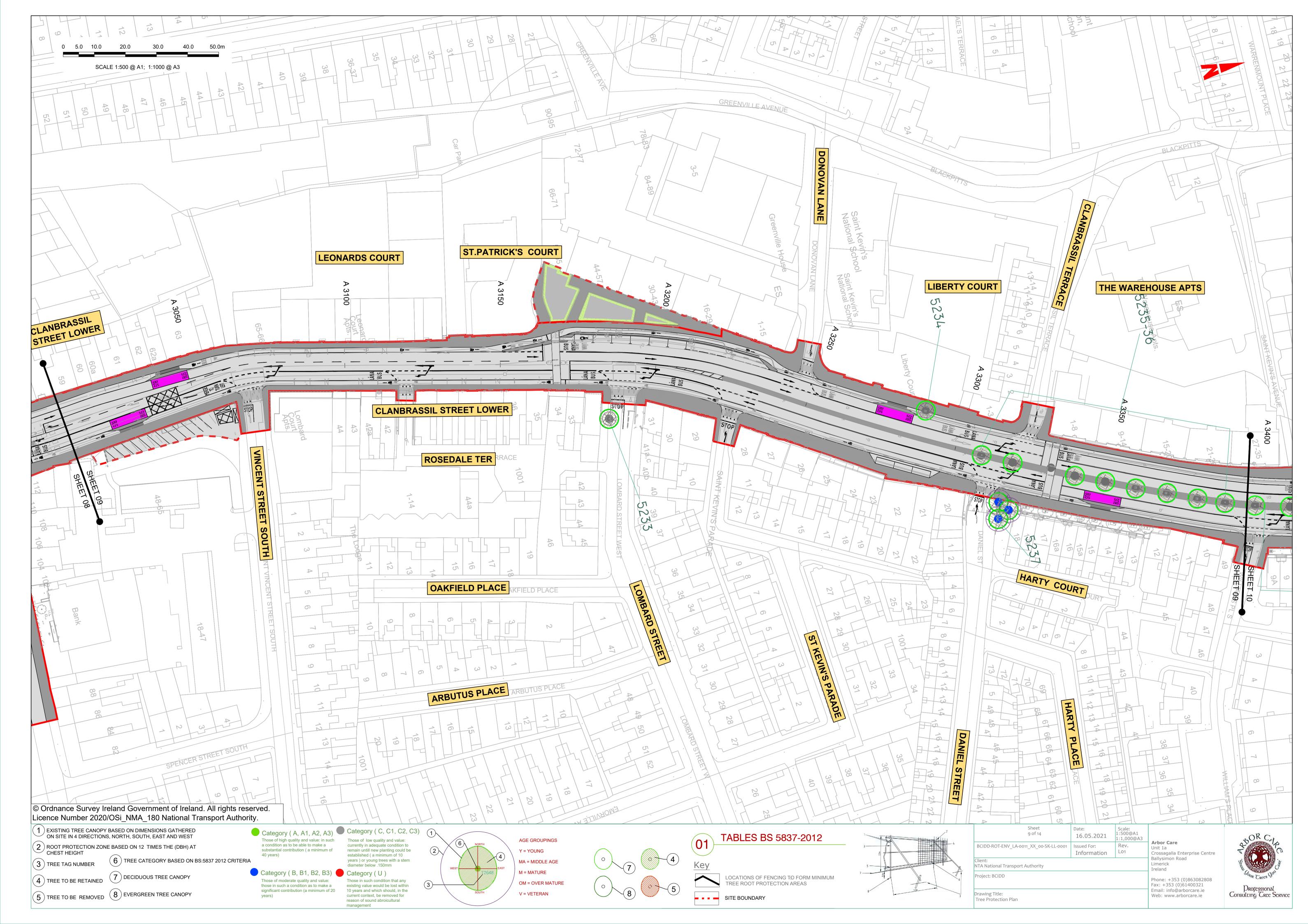


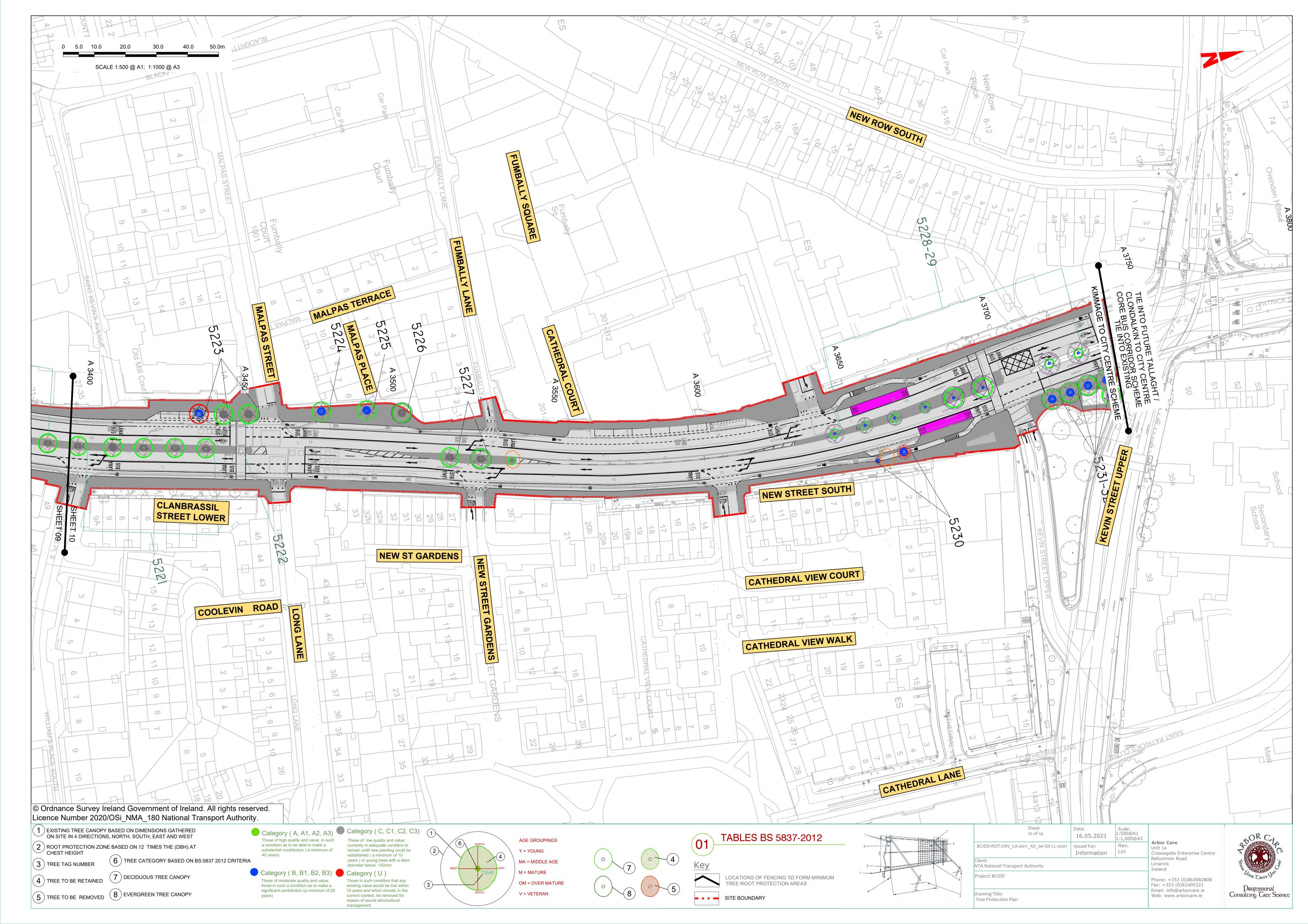


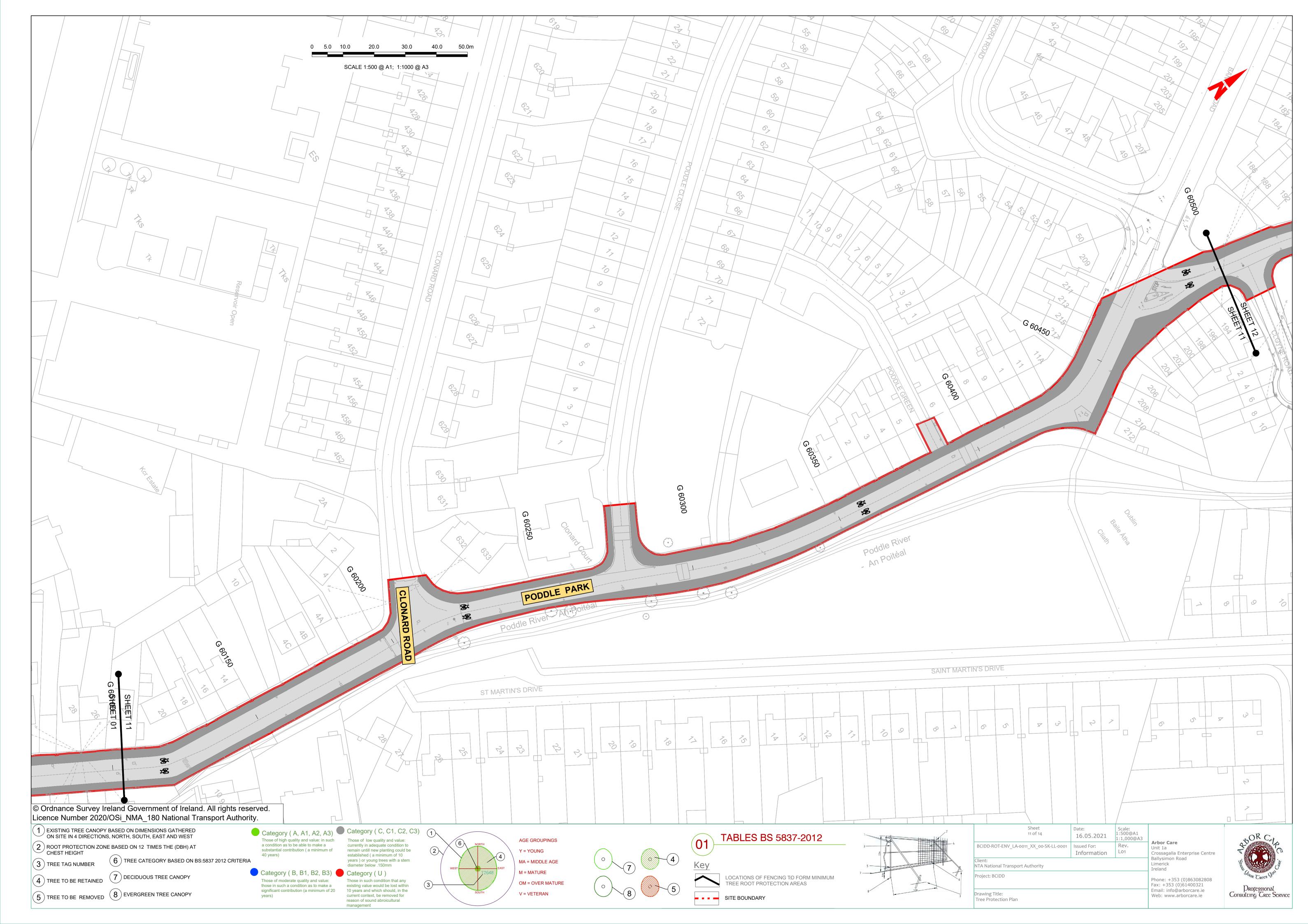


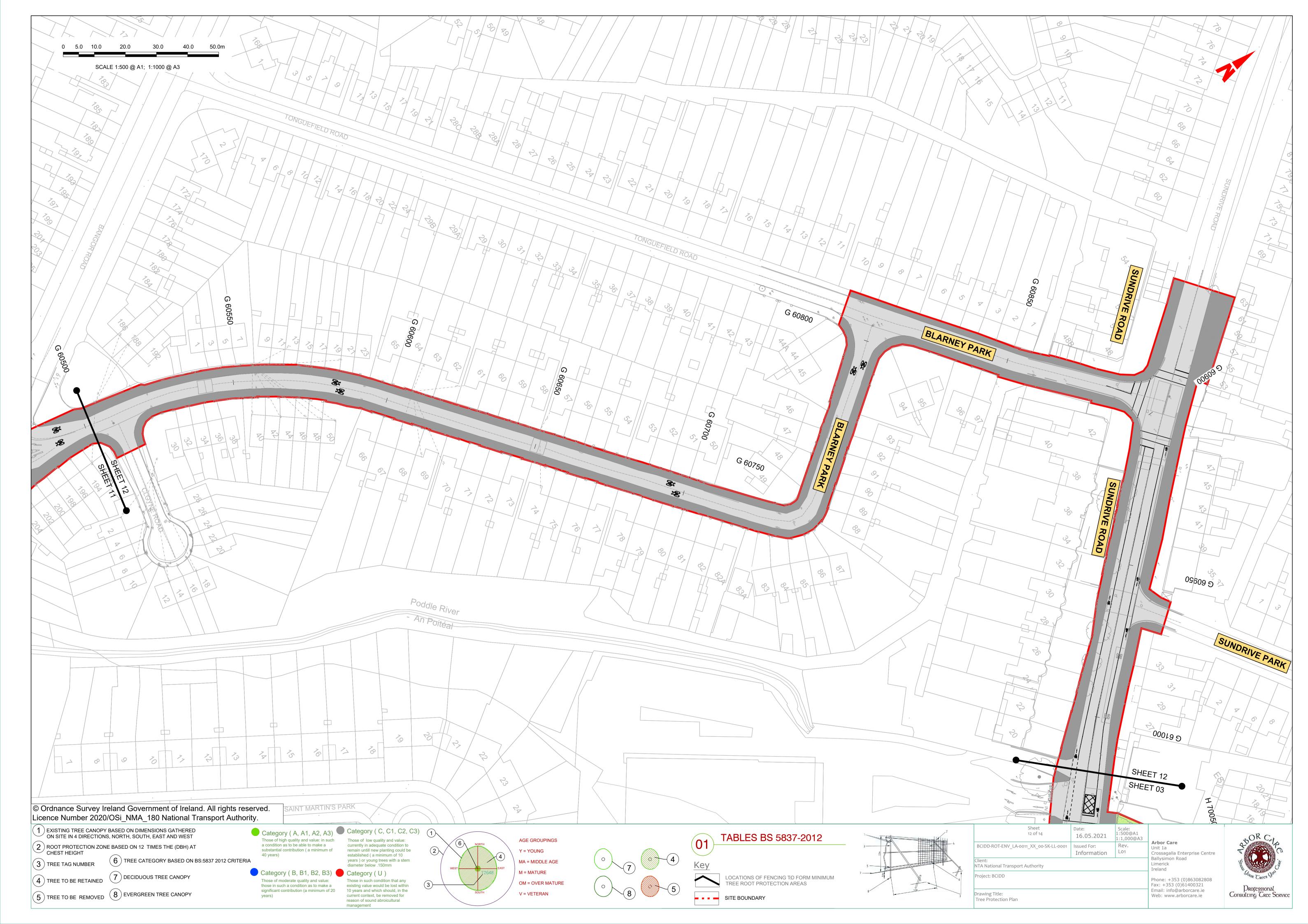




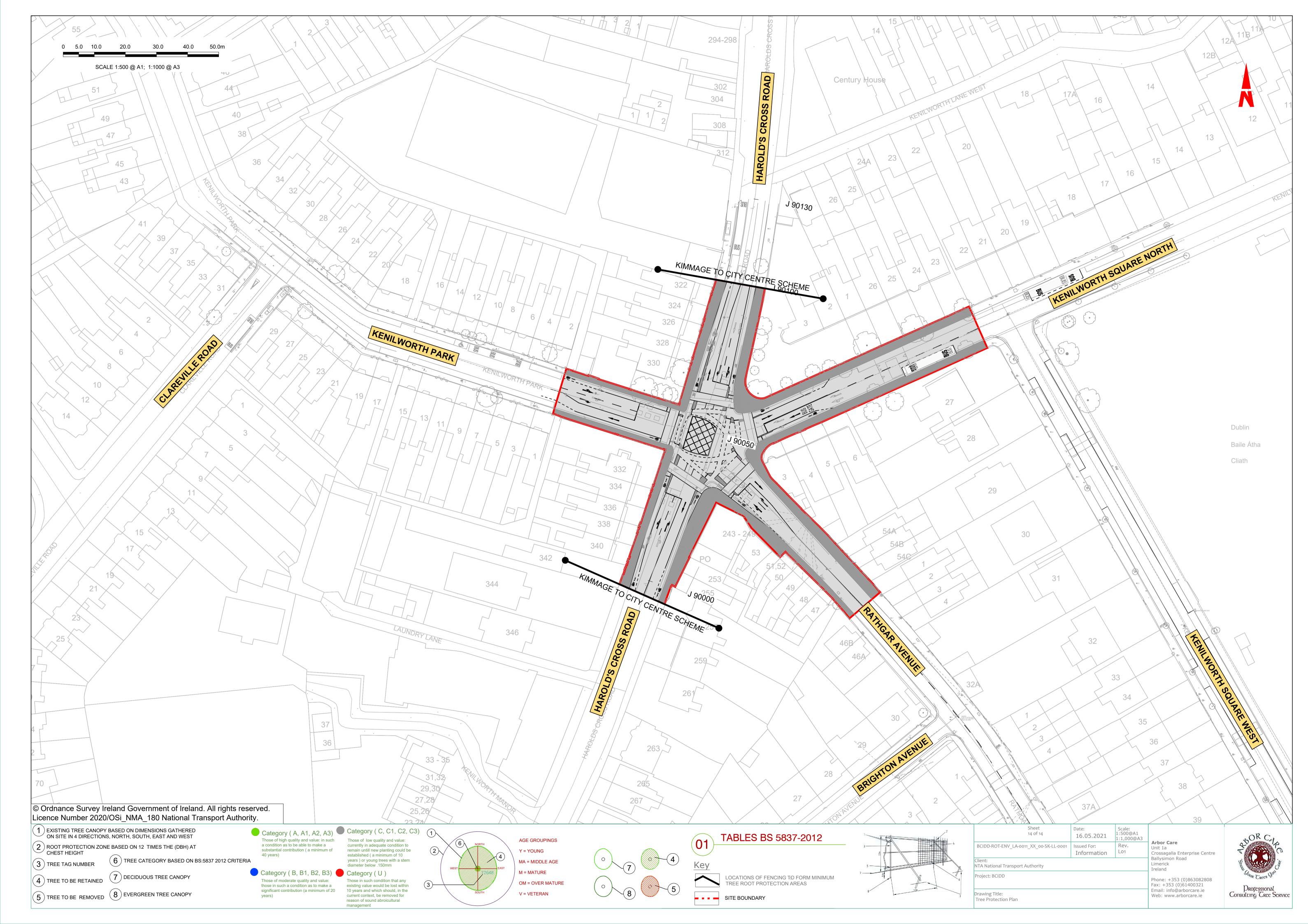














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