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TREE PROTECTION MEASURES:

SYCAMORE FARM, SYKEMOUTH DROVE, KIRTON, BOSTON PE20 1TS

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Application

The proposal B/21/0460 seeks to install 2 modest cabins nearby to existing trees on site.

Consideration of Foundations

The principle concept of the cabins is to pose minimal intervention in the landscape and so a low impact foundation is sought. To cause least disruption to the site, within protection zones a screw pile foundation system will be utilised rather than raft or trench footings. Screw piles are twisted into the ground rather than driven or drilled and are considered for use within close proximity to trees.

A screw pile solution will mitigate and minimise any disruption to the existing root base of the trees on site as it is worked into the soil, around the root. Aeration to the soil during the installation process of the piles may actually benefit the trees where the piles are located within the root area,

During Construction Works

In order to protect the trees on site during construction works, tree protection measures are to be installed. The most appropriate protection for this setting and context is considered to be surface fixed Heras fencing.

These will be installed around the perimeter of the construction area to prevent damage to the trees while site works are carried out. An illustration of the Heras fencing instalation is indicated below. Drawing 501_TP shows the location and extent of the fence line.

Tree Protection Provisions

Specifications:

Tree Protection Fencing Panels shall be 2.3m high x 3m in length. (see image below).



Image showing example of Heras tree protection fencing in situ

Given the existing soft surface onto which the fencing will be placed in addition to the small, constrained nature of the site, it is considered that Heras fencing will be most appropriate from of tree protection. The Heras fencing will comprise of continuously joined panels, and will be secured utilising an 'above ground stabilizing system', with the fencing base stabilizer strut secured with ground pins with a base plate, as illustrated below:



