

Hedgerow root protection

Protection measurements

Sensible precautions will be taken when working in close proximity to a live hedgerow, both inside and outside the prescribed buffer zones outlined below.

Works outside the 1m buffer zones:

If working near live hedgerow, we will maintain a 1m protection zone from the spread of the hedge. The protection zone will be maintained for the duration of the works and there will be no access, storage of materials, ground disturbance, burning or contamination within the protection zone area.

Always avoid tracking of machinery within or close to the protection zone. The ground within the protection zone should not be used for site roads, site offices, stockpiles of soil/fuel, material storage, storing machinery, parking of vehicles or storage of debris. We will ensure that one of our qualified Horticulturist's be in attendance when initial excavations are being undertaken to ensure no damage is caused to the root system.

Works within 1m buffer zone

Where the works are within 1m from the spread of the hedge refer to Part 7 and 11 of the British Standard Guide for trees in Relation to Construction BS 5837:1991.

Work with hand tools can generally proceed within these guidelines without prior consultation provided no roots over 25mm are severed. Consultation is required before any mechanical excavation within this zone takes place.

If working within this zone, we will ensure to not raise soil levels beyond original levels within 1m protection zone each side of the hedgerow. If soil levels are to be raised within the 1m protection Zone, we will consult with the Landscape Team for advice.

To conclude It is our expert opinion that when the above steps are followed and maintained then the risk to the hedgerow is minimal.