Appendix A BLOSSOM FIELDS, LAND SOUTH OF COTEFIELD BUSINESS PARK, BODICOTE

CONSTRUCTION ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN: CONDITION 16 TREES AND BIODIVERSITY

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- 1. EXAMPLE NO DIG CELLULAR CONFINEMENT SYSTEM; UNDERHILL TREE CONSULTANCY
- 2. TREE PROTECTION PLAN (UTC-0225-P04-TPP); UNDERHILL TREE CONSULTANCY (updated 20th July 2018)

Appendix A - No-dig, cellular confinement systems

Principles of no-dig hard surface construction

Cellular confinement systems (CCS) are constructed using a three-dimensional grid of plastic cells filled with no-fines angular aggregate. The system transfers vertical loads horizontally, thereby reducing ground pressure. The cells prevent sideways displacement of the aggregate.

Several manufacturers produce CCSs (see below). Cellweb™ Geosynthetics recommend a grid depth of:

- 100mm for domestic vehicles.
- 150mm for refuse vehicles, fire engines etc.
- 200mm for heavy construction vehicles.

Other than removal of surface vegetation and filling of ground irregularities with sharp sand, there is to be no preparation of the soil beneath the CCS with **NO COMPACTION** of soil by vehicles or plate compactors.

Between the soil and the CCS, a geotextile such a Treetex[™] is laid. Apart from separating the soil from the aggregate, Treetex[™] minimises the movement of oil pollution into the root zone beneath. A general geotextile such as Terram[™], is not suitable.

The CCS cells are filled with a no-fines angular aggregate, such as Type 4/20 or Type 20/40. MOT Type 1 or Type 3 **MUST NOT BE USED**. The fine particles in these products prevents air and water diffusion.

The CCS edges can be retained by several methods, such as filling the outermost cells with concrete, mounding with soil, or by using railway sleepers or timber board edging. These methods can also be used to retain the wearing surface, or a system using aluminium edging, such as AluExcel[™] or similar, can be fixed into the concrete in the outermost cells.

The wearing surface must be porous such as SuDS block paving using grit between blocks, porous Bitmac, porous resin-bound gravel using a porous binder course, loose gravel, or a proprietary product such as Golpla System infilled with gravel, or Sudscape.

The suggested methods and products are for illustration only. A structural engineer or other professional, should be consulted to ensure suitability for the intended use and ground conditions. Some CCS manufacturers provide a design service.

The following is a list of manufacturers and suppliers of CCSs and edging materials. Other products and suppliers are available:

- Cellweb© Geosynthetics <u>www.geosyn.co.uk/product/cellweb-tree-root-protection</u>
- InfraGreen Solutions Infraweb TRP <u>http://infragreen-solutions.com/tree-root-protection</u>
- ProtectaWeb[™] Wrekin <u>www.wrekinproducts.com/articles/protectaweb-meets-tree-root-protection-</u> requirements
- Treetex[™] Geosynthetics <u>www.geosyn.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/cellweb-fact-sheet-4-60.pdf</u>
- AluExcel[™] Kinley <u>http://www.kinley.co.uk/products/edging/exceledge</u>
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Images of cellular confinement system and edging detail





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