

1. TREE PROTECTION

- 1.1. All root protection (RP) measures should adhere to British Standard 5837 where possible.
- 1.2. The RP areas identified in the 'Event Space and Tree Protection Zones – West Princes Street Gardens' must be treated as exclusion zones with no vehicle movement or infrastructure placed in these areas.
- 1.3. A detailed Tree Protection Plan should be provided at an early-stage and must clearly indicate the precise location and type of protective barriers planned to form an exclusion-zone around all park trees that are to be affected by the building/hosting of the proposed event; this plan being superimposed onto an up-to-date tree location plan. Drawings and statements demonstrating how trees on-site will be protected throughout the event from access/egress through to build and de-rig will be required. The plan needs to include the type of ground-protection to be used to form the necessary exclusion-zones. The Council stipulates the use of "heras" fencing that is bolted together and installed using concrete footing blocks so no ground excavation is required. The full specification for any barriers must be included within the Tree Protection Plan. All tree protection measures must be in place before any other build commences.
- 1.4. These measures will potentially impact the available space for event infrastructure and consequently, the siting of this. This includes but is not limited to fencing, portable toilets, concession stalls (including storage and back-of-house requirements), other large event infrastructure (including Big Tops, Big Wheels and Fairground Rides) as well as ground protection requirements for vehicles (access/egress and build/de-rig), crowds and Plant.
- 1.5. It is the responsibility of the main event organiser to ensure any contractors using the site have clear, unambiguous, guidance on the steps they need to take to protect on-site trees and that these measures are communicated and adhered to by any sub-contractors employed carrying-out a role as part of the event. Failure to do so risks incurring a penalty charge and/or determining if an event is permitted to use one of our sites in the future. The penalty for any tree damage occurring as a result of the Event set-up, derig or occupation or due to failure to comply with the agreed Tree Protection Plan, will be based on a percentage of the overall CAVAT** figure for said tree, based on the severity of damage.
- 1.6. A fixed penalty fine for transgression within tree Root Protection Areas (RPA) of £1000 for movement of heavy plant through the RPA will also be actively enforced.
- 1.7. The decision on any penalty payment will be at the sole discretion of the Council's Forestry Service.
- 1.8. There should be no vehicle movement across any grass / soft landscaped areas, outwith the RPA, which are going to be used as an event area or for temporary access required for any build/de-rig, without the use of protective matting. The specification for this protection needs to also be included in the Tree Protection Plan and Vehicle Access Plan.

1.9. The lopping of overhanging branches and any ground excavation to facilitate construction of any infrastructure for the event is not permitted within any Park & Greenspace area.

** CAVAT (Capital Asset Value for Amenity Trees) - CAVAT provides a method for managing trees as public assets rather than liabilities. It is designed not only to be a strategic tool and aid to decision-making in relation to the tree stock as a whole, but also to be applicable to individual cases, where the value of a single tree needs to be expressed in monetary terms.