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## **A GUIDE TO THE BRITISH STANDARD 5837 TREES IN RELATION TO CONSTRUCTION (2005)**



The current version was published on 25 September 2005 and replaces the previous 1980 edition.

It gives recommendations and guidance on the principals to be applied to achieve a satisfactory relationship of trees, shrubs, hedges and hedge-rows with buildings and other structures.

The standard follows, in sequence, the stages of planning and implementation which are essential to allow development to be integrated with trees.

It is intended for use by arboriculturalists, architects, builders, engineers, land managers, landscape architects, contractors, planners, statutory undertakers, surveyors and all others interested in achieving a development that is in harmony with trees, hedges and other natural features.

British Standard 5837 (2005) recognises that there can be problems with development close to existing trees (that are to be retained) and with planting trees close to existing structures. The standard sets out to assist those involved with trees in relation to construction to form balanced judgements.

It does not seek to put arguments for or against development, or for removal or retention of trees.

Where development, including demolition, is to occur, the Standard provides guidance on how to decide which trees are appropriate for retention, on the means of protecting these trees during development, including demolition and construction work, and on the means of incorporating trees into the developed landscape.

**Copies of British Standard 5837 and other British Standards can be purchased from;**

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Further helpful information and advice is contained in the Borough Councils Landscape and Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document, copies of which can be obtained from the Neighbourhood Development Unit.

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