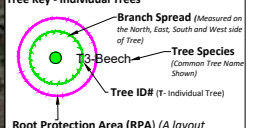
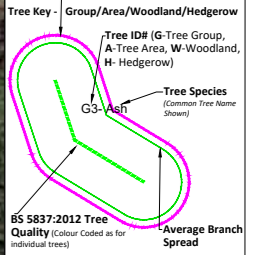


- **Category A (High)**  
("Highly desirable for retention")
- **Category B (Moderate)**  
("Desirable for retention")
- **Category C (Low)**  
("Optional for retention")
- **Category U (Poor)**  
("Unsuitable for retention")



**Root Protection Area (RPA)** (A layout design tool indicating the minimum area around a tree deemed to contain sufficient roots and rooting volume to maintain the tree's stability, and where the protection of the roots and soil structure is treated as a priority.)



**Definitions of BS5837:2012 Categories for Trees, Woodlands and Hedgerows (Colour Codes):**

- A** - Those of high quality with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 40 years. ("Highly desirable for retention")
- B** - Those of moderate quality with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 20 years. ("Desirable for retention")
- C** - Those of low quality with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 10 years, or young trees with a stem diameter below 150mm. ("Optional for retention")
- U** - Those in such a condition that they cannot realistically be retained as long trees in the context of the current land use for longer than 10 years. ("Unsuitable for retention unless provides high conservation value")

**Please Note:** Barriers and Ground Protection must be designed by an arboriculturist, installed before materials or machinery is brought onto site and before any demolition, development or stripping of soil commences. Once erected, barriers and ground protection should be regarded as sacrosanct, and should not be removed or altered without prior recommendation by an Arboriculturist and approval of the Local Planning Authority (LPA).

