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METHOD STATEMENT

FOR

Preparatory work at Wharf Road.

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Revision History

Issue	Date	Author	Summary of changes
V1	27/12/2023	M Bradley	First revision
V2	06/01/2024	M Bradley	Minor amendments for the foundations

Description of work to be carried out:

This method statement covers the preparatory work at Wharf Road compound for the installation of brick walls and railings and includes clearing the working area of vegetation, the excavation and laying of foundations for the brick walls. Refer to drawings WCT/MJB 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21.

Hazards associated with task /work:

- Manual handling.
- Uneven ground.
- Hand tools.
- Working near water.
- Cement.
- Concrete.

Risk assessments and other method statements / documents to be referred to:

Risk assessment WCTRA S25 Installing walls and railings at Wharf Road. (available on [Wendover Canal Bringing it to Life - Wendover Canal Trust](#))

Methods to be undertaken:

All work will be carried out without removing the existing steel mesh or timber posts in order to maintain site security, except for the section behind the existing information board. Once removed the mesh panels will be secured to the existing adjacent timber posts to secure the corner.

The vegetation in the work area will be cleared using hand tools and loaded onto the WCT Cabstar for removal to the site compound at Little Tring or a licensed tip. Any vegetation that has grown outside the compound will be cleared. The ground cover of decaying vegetation will be removed using spades and loaded to the cabstar for removal to the site compound at Little Tring for reuse as mulch to trees and hedging plants.

The line of the brick walls/railings will be marked out using survey pegs and string lines.

There are no known services in the compound. Prior to excavation the ground will be checked for services by hand excavation of trial pits and a permit to dig form issued.

The foundations will be excavated by hand and the arisings disposed on site to build up the ground inside the compound (note there is approx. 300mm height difference between the paths and the ground within the compound).

All materials will be brought to site daily.

The petrol driven mixer will be set up on boards and a tarpaulin in the temporary compound in Bankside. Site mixed concrete will be used to form the foundations. Where necessary timber stop-ends will be used. The concrete foundations will be formed level with a float finish. Alternatively solid concrete blocks laid on a sand/cement bed will be used to form the foundations.

Once the foundations have been constructed the permit to dig form will be signed off.

PPE:	High visibility jackets to be worn at all times. Gloves and other appropriate clothing including suitable safety footwear will be worn.
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT:	Hand tools: spades/shovels, rakes, garden forks, shears, loppers. Materials: Survey pegs, string line, site mixed concrete.
WELFARE FACILITIES:	Portaloos on site.
FIRST AID:	First aid cover will be supplied by the WCT first aiders. First aid kit will be carried by first aiders.
EMERGENCY CONTACTS: FIRE: AMBULANCE SERVICE: STOKE MADEVILLE HOSPITAL: HEMEL HEMPSTEAD HOSPITAL: LOCAL POLICE: TRING: HEMEL HEMPSTEAD: AYLESBURY:	IN ANY EMERGENCY DIAL 999 999 01908 262422 01296 315000 01442 213141 01442 827272 01442 271000 01296 396000 Note: If asked for location by emergency services, it is important that the exact location of the nearest ROAD ACCESS or BRIDGE is provided. Refer to EMERGENCY CALL OUT INFORMATION sheet.