

site clearance (cemp)

Project:	Vantage Newport site clearance		
Activity:	Vegetation clearance		
Description:	cutting vegetation to ground level using hand power tools under ecologist supervision		
		Duration:	T.B.C
Assessor:	David Jenkins	Hours of Work:	8.00am - 5.00pm

Responsibilities

Project Manager:	David Jenkins
Supervisor:	Kurt Thompson
Number of Operatives:	3 to 4

Hazards

Hazards Associated With Activity:	Thick vegetation Moving plant Flying debris slips, trips and falls wet ground and water courses
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Risk assessments will be carried out for the activity and attached to this method statement, will form part of the induction and must be followed on site.

Work Procedure & Control Measures

All Operatives to receive a site specific induction before work commences.

Site specific risk assessment completed following induction and inspection of site.

All work to be carried out in accordance with the RAMS and industry best practice.

Tools and equipment checked and fuelled.

Ecologist must check for dormice before work starts under the dormouse mitigation licences well another protected species listed under the precautionary method of working (PMW).

Vegetation removed with hand held power tools under Ecologist supervision.

All work methods and area of clearance to be discussed daily on site with ecologist inline with dormouse licence / method statement and (PMW).

There will be no gaps over 30 meters without protection, clearance will be one stage

using handheld tools, progressive removal of vegetation to ground level no more than 150 meters per day.

A two stage cut will be implemented for winter months (300mm) cut November to December with a Final Cut between April to May.

All clearance works to be undertaken between Sept to Oct 2025 (outside dormice breeding season).

No unauthorised persons allowed in work zone.

All arisings to be taken to hard stand off site to be collected at end of works, arisings will be moved by a registered carrier and disposed of at an authorised site.

No water consumption is necessary during works with no waste water produced, energy use is limited to petrol powered hand held tools as covered under fuelling procedures.

No dust suppression is necessary during works.

Refer to Generic RA for further detailing.

Boots and plant to be cleaned before leaving and arriving on site. refer to gpp5 guidelines especially (section 7)

Emergency Contact Details

Afan Contact Details - Construction Manager - David Jenkins -07718 955724

Site Supervisor - Kurt Thompson -07462 444554

Office-01639 885130 between(9 and 5)

TRAINING

Only qualified/certified and competent personnel will be permitted to undertake the work.

All operatives are to receive training on site safety

All workers to undertake site induction prior to commencing work.

Toolbox talks will be carried out at intervals during the works to raise awareness or address relevant H&S issues.

WORK EQUIPMENT

All current legislation and codes of practice regarding work equipment usage will be complied with.

Only those persons who have received suitable and sufficient instruction and training will be permitted to use work equipment.

Prior to using any item of work equipment, it will be inspected to ensure that it is in good condition and unlikely to cause injury or harm to any person as a result of its correct usage. Equipment guards to be correctly fitted before use.

All personnel are advised to check tools before each use and to take unsafe equipment out of service immediately, for repair or replacement.

Periodic testing and maintenance of all equipment carried out in accordance with regulations and manufacturer's instructions.

When not required for immediate use, all items of work equipment will be securely stored so as to prevent any unauthorised use or accidental contact with any sharp / rotating blades.

HARMFUL SUBSTANCES

All current legislation and codes of practice regarding chemical/substance usage will be complied with.

Where possible any hazardous substances will be substituted for alternative non-hazardous substances.

COSHH assessments will be carried prior to use of hazardous substances.

Only those persons who are fully conversant with a chemical or substance will be

permitted to use the chemical or substance. Adequate ventilation will be maintained at all times where hazardous chemicals and substances are used.

When not required for immediate use, chemicals and substances will be kept in suitable closed containers and in a secure location, so as to prevent their unauthorised use.

If during the works, the provision or maintenance of a well-ventilated workplace is impracticable, the person undertaking the work will liaise with the site management / principal contractor with a view to resolving the issue.

FUELLING PROCEDURES

Only fuel and refuel petrol driven equipment within the designated refuelling area.

Spill kit on site.

Fuelling undertaken in designated area only, out of work zone on hard stand at least 10 meters from any watercourse.

Petrol vapour is invisible and can travel considerable distance.

Maintain a safe distance from all sources of ignition throughout use and fuelling.

Store fuel to avoid vapour ignition from any source such as fires, people smoking or the equipment. Select a site shaded from direct sunlight.

Use fuel containers specifically designed for the use intended with a non-spill spout.

Containers must be labelled correctly with securely fitting caps.

Replace all fuel and oil caps securely, ensure the 'O' ring seals and caps are in good condition.

If spillage occurs around watercourse, work is to stop immediately, contain spillage and report spillage to relative authority.

N.R.W Emergency helpline (03000 65 30000)

EXTERNAL WORK

External work prohibited during extreme weather such as rain, strong winds or snow.

External work at height also prohibited in icy conditions.

Operatives to be warned of the dangers of skin damage prior to external work.

Operatives must wear appropriate clothing to protect skin and must apply sufficient sun protection when exposed to UV rays.

Work area to be segregated from any pedestrians or traffic and signs erected to prevent members of the public or vehicles coming into contact with operatives or access equipment.

SITE SECURITY

Site to be secured with Heras fencing. Access points will remain locked during and outside of working hours. A minimum of two key holders will remain on site during working hours. Access to site will be controlled by the banksman. all retained vegetation will be protected by Heras fencing.

PPE

For all operatives within the exclusion zone:

- Hard Hat - **BS EN 12492**
- Hi-Viz -
- Safety Boots - **BS EN ISO 17249**
- Ear Defenders (during cutting, chipping or grinding operations) - **BS EN 352-1**
- Eye Protection (full face shield during cutting operations) - **BS EN 173**
- Gloves

PLANT AND HAND TOOLS

Chainsaws
Hedge cutters
Brush cutter
Wood chippers
5 Ton Dumper
Skidsteer

COMPLETION

All equipment and tools loaded on to the vehicle or to secure storage area.
Safety signage and barriers removed.

HOUSEKEEPING

All good practice guidelines **as noted in fuelling procedures** regarding housekeeping in the workplace will be observed.

All spillages will be immediately cleaned up so as to prevent any slip hazards.

All work equipment, chemicals and substances will be properly secured when they are not in use, so as to prevent any unauthorised usage or accidental contact. During the works, the area will, so far as is reasonably practicable, be kept clean and tidy with clear walkways as appropriate.

MANUAL HANDLING

All manual handling will be minimised through the provision of mechanical aids where practicable.

If items above 25kg are to be lifted, or unusual, unstable or hazardous items, the supervisor or site manager will determine a safe method of handling through completing a risk assessment and specifically instruct nominated individuals.

Any items or loads above 25kg to be handled through mechanical aids or team lifting.

The following manual handling general precautions will be taken:

Deliveries and materials handling will be planned to minimise the extent of manual handling of materials.

Routes by which materials have to be carried by hand will be checked for and kept free of, obstructions.

Appropriate PPE will be worn to make sure that materials can be handled safely, e.g. gloves and safety footwear.

Machinery to be used where possible to lift or move loads.

Two or more operatives will carry larger or heavier items.

WORKSPACE

All good practice guidelines regarding the provision of sufficient clear working space will be observed.

Prior to the commencement of any works, sufficient clear working space (taking into account the nature of the work, the location in which the work is to be undertaken and the needs of any other building or site occupants) will be made available, so far as is reasonably practicable.

Suitable warning signage and barriers (as appropriate) shall be positioned around the work area, so as to restrict other persons from entering the area.

During the works, attention will be paid at all times to the maintenance of a clear working space.

If during the works, the maintenance of a clear working space is impracticable, the person undertaking the work will liaise with the site management / principal contractor with a view to resolving the issue.

WASTE DISPOSAL

All current legislation regarding the prevention of environmental contamination (including waste disposal) will be complied with. Any contaminated or hazardous waste created as a result of works carried out will be properly contained and disposed of by a specialist company.

Waste must be transferred using a waste transfer note.

CLEANING

After completion of the work, the area shall be left in a tidy condition and all associated waste shall be removed and properly disposed of.

PPE Requirements



Safety Boots



Hard Hat



Hi-Viz Clothing



Gloves



Ear Defenders



Dust Mask



Eye Protection



Harness



Full Face Shield



Overalls



RPE



Other

Other PPE:

Additional PPE is required for certain activities as indicated by specific risk assessments.

Management Arrangements

Monitoring Arrangements:

Monitoring of this activity will be carried out using a variety of different means such as: inspections, checklists, meetings, audits, reviews, and employee consultation. The supervisor will carry out regular inspections of the works and highlight any concerns.

First Aid Provision:

At least 1 trained first aider on site. Nearest Hospital - The Royal Gwent, Cardiff Rd, Newport, NP202UB.
First Aid Kit - Van and all staff have personal first aid kits at all times.
Accident Book- van
first aiders on site - Jason Temple , Evan Pritchard

Welfare Provision:

To be provided by Vantage

Emergency Procedures:

In the event of an accident notify the first aider immediately, for a major injury call 999 or if in doubt call 111.
In the event of a fire sound the alarm and exit the site by the nearest exit, to not attempt to tackle the fire unless you have been trained to do so and it is safe to do so.

Completed By

Name	David Jenkins
Signature:	D Jenkins
Date:	28/7/2025

Acknowledgement

Name	Signature	Date