



Root systems develop at specific depths to maximise uptake of water, minerals & nutrients. Significantly increasing the ground level with imported spoil not only disrupts this system it also causes compaction and can alter the nutrient availability and PH. The vegetation (sods of grass – not cut branches, ivy etc) will release an acidic pulse as it breaks down. Grass clippings dumped under trees is one of the most common causes of ill health in domestic trees. The effects are rarely immediate and can take years / decades to manifest but relatively short timescales in oak tree lifespans.

Rather than hiding the spoil under the canopy, it would be far better to dump it outside the drip line.