

Appendix 6 - 5 Year Landscape and Management Plan

This Landscape Management and Maintenance Report is submitted in support of the following planning application:

Full planning application seeking the reinstatement of a site from equestrian use to agricultural use, demolition of a stable building and erection of an agricultural barn to support a rural business on land to the south west of Fairview Cottage, Circular Road, Baylham, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP6 8LE

This plan addresses the management and maintenance of the landscape for proposed screening. The proposals are identical to those conditioned under application 19/00028, which have been inherited by the new owner of the site and applicant.

The purpose of this document is to provide a maintenance and management plan for a 5 year period and the actions are identified below. It should be recognised that many of the actions have already been undertaken pursuant to DC/19/00028.

Establishment Maintenance Period (5 years)

To ensure their survival and optimal development, the new trees and hedging plants along to the north frontage of the proposed building will be subject to intensive establishment maintenance. The applicant or his successor in title will be responsible for implementing the works and will undertake the following actions:

- Ensuring each plant is staked and fitted with an appropriate tree guard;
- Watering to ensure moisture levels are maintained appropriate for optimum growth
- (Establishment Period Only);
- Application of a slow release fertiliser around the base of all plants, if required
- (Establishment Period Only);
- Remove any vandalised, unhealthy or dead specimens as soon as possible and replacement with plants of the same size to those adjacent, during the next available planting season;
- Inspection, adjustment and maintenance of anchors, stakes and ties
- Re-firming of plants after strong winds, frost heave or other disturbances;
- Pruning to remove dead, dying or diseased wood;
- Formatively prune to achieve natural shape, healthy growth and to favour a dense natural wildlife habitat.
- Planted areas will be inaccessible to horses via green electric fencing poles and tape at 1.2m to prevent equine access whilst allowing wildlife to utilise the habitat.

Ongoing Maintenance - (Post 5 year Establishment Period)

Following the establishment maintenance period (5 years), the following operations will be implemented on a yearly basis;

- The trimming of hedging plants to achieve the desired height and spread of 2 metres and also to maintain a good shape
- Remove any dead or diseased growth and replace with similar species if necessary