



Woodland Management Plan Report

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Blindwells

Planning

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1.0 ENVIRONMENTAL AIMS OF THE SITE

Introduction

1.1 This document has been produced as a guide for the implementation, maintenance and management of the woodland proposals for phase two of the proposed development at Blindwells, East Lothian.

1.2 This manual details the requirements for the enhancements of the proposed woodland features. This document does not include recommendations for the management of areas outside the application boundary. This document should be read in conjunction with the following drawing produced by Oobe Ltd:

- Drawing 5301- OOB- 02- 00- DR- L- 0015 (Woodland Management Plan)

Design Objective

1.3 The design objective of the woodland proposals is to create an attractive and biodiverse scheme. Delivering a long term management plan will ensure the woodland trees provide a balanced structure in terms of age, height, form and species. The proposals:

- Incorporate woodland between residential areas to provide aesthetical value;
- Increase habitat opportunities for local wildlife;
- Improve tree species diversity;
- Consider views into and out of the site.

1.4 The Woodland Management Plan highlights specific maintenance requirements within the proposals to be carried out within a 10 year period.

About This Manual

- 1.5** This manual describes the requirements for the first three years after Practical Completion and subsequently outlines the following seven year maintenance requirements which are the responsibility of the Client.

- 1.6** The Client is required to undertake all the operations as specified therein unless otherwise described in the Manual.

2.0 REQUIREMENTS FOR PERIOD OF MAINTENANCE

Introduction

- 2.1** The Client is committed to the maintenance and aftercare following Practical Completion for a period of three years plus seven additional years, which together constitutes the ten year (120 month) Period of Maintenance. Woodland management following the initial 10 year period is also the responsibility of the Client or the Clients appointed Management Company.

- 2.2** The Client and appointed Contractor(s) will be responsible for construction works including the softworks. Following completion, the Client will be responsible for the maintenance and aftercare of a period, the maintenance and after care will revert to any future Management Company/ Companies appointed by the Client.

Maintenance Frequency

- 2.3** Regular visits by the Landscape Contractor to the site should be made as often as is necessary, but no less than monthly, to fulfil the required standard of maintenance.

Maintenance

- 2.4** Establishment maintenance is to be undertaken for the first 3 years after planting, with additional maintenance being carried out for a further 7 years.

Woodland Planting Mixes

- 2.5** The scheme incorporates a native woodland mix, to be planted at 1.5m centres, and a woodland edge mix, to be planted at 1m centres.

Woodland Planting Mix

- 2.6** Weeding, watering, attention to stakes and replacement of any failures should occur in the initial maintenance period.
- 2.7** Beyond the maintenance period, tree stakes should be removed once trees are established. Assessment of the need for selective pruning should be made at the end of each growing season with work carried out in the following winter depending on the species. Pruning should be limited to the minimum necessary. Tree tubes should be checked regularly throughout the year and replaced as necessary.
- 2.8** From 6 years the woodland should be assessed for thinning, which may be required 6-8 years after planting when the canopy has closed. The purpose of this is to retain the range of species and remove the short lived species whilst keeping them in the mix of species.
- 2.9** Once shaded woodland conditions have established (post the 10 year maintenance period), native woodland ground flora such as bluebell and woodrush, could be planted as bulbs. These should be planted in clear ground.

Woodland Edge Planting Mix

- 2.10** The woodland edge mix should be managed as per the woodland mix. The woodland edge mix will be denser at all stages and therefore cherry trees will be required to be thinned, and hazel, hawthorn and dog rose will require cutting to stimulate bushy growth.

2.11 Woodland Maintenance Schedule

Maintenance Period (Initial Maintenance Period Years 1-3)	Operation	Frequency (must be undertaken for each individual season indicated)	Timing
Year 1	Application of Herbicide	As necessary	Spring, Summer & Autumn
	Firming	x 1	Throughout year
	Application of Fertiliser	As necessary	Spring
	Pruning	x 1	Autumn
	Scavenging/Litter clearance	As necessary	Spring, Summer & Autumn
	Replacement planting (if necessary)	x 1	Winter
	Watering	x 7	Spring, Summer
	Pest and disease control	x 1	May
Year 2	Application of Herbicide	As necessary	Spring, Summer & Autumn
	Firming	x 1	Throughout year
	Application of Fertiliser	As necessary	Spring
	Pruning	x 1	Autumn
	Scavenging/Litter clearance	As necessary	Spring, Summer & Autumn
	Replacement planting (if necessary)	x 1	Winter
	Watering	x 7	Spring, Summer
	Pest and disease control	x 1	May
Year 3	Application of Herbicide	As necessary	Spring, Summer & Autumn
	Firming	x 1	Throughout year
	Application of Fertiliser	As necessary	Spring
	Pruning	x 1	Autumn

Maintenance Period (Initial Maintenance Period Years 4-5)	Operation	Frequency (must be undertaken for each individual season indicated)	Timing
	Scavenging/Litter clearance	As necessary	Spring, Summer & Autumn
	Replacement planting (if necessary)	x 1	Winter
	Watering	x 7	Spring, Summer
	Pest and disease control	x 1	May
Year 4	Application of Herbicide	As necessary	Spring, Summer & Autumn
	Firming	x 1	Throughout year
	Application of Fertiliser	As necessary	Spring
	Pruning	x 1	Autumn
	Scavenging/Litter clearance	As necessary	Spring, Summer & Autumn
	Replacement planting (if necessary)	x 1	Winter
	Watering (during hot/ dry weather)	Up to 4x	Spring, Summer
	Pest and disease control	x 1	May
Year 5	Application of Herbicide	As necessary	Spring, Summer & Autumn
	Firming	x 1	Throughout year
	Application of Fertiliser	As necessary	Spring
	Pruning	x 1	Autumn
	Scavenging/Litter clearance	As necessary	Spring, Summer & Autumn
	Replacement planting (if necessary)	x 1	Winter
	Watering (during hot/ dry weather)	Up to 4x	Spring, Summer
	Pest and disease control	x 1	May

Maintenance Period (Initial Maintenance Period Years 6-8)	Operation	Frequency (must be undertaken for each individual season indicated)	Timing
Year 6	Application of Herbicide	As necessary	Spring, Summer & Autumn
	Firming	x 1	Throughout year
	Application of Fertiliser	As necessary	Spring
	Pruning	x 1	Autumn
	Scavenging/Litter clearance	As necessary	Spring, Summer & Autumn
	Replacement planting (if necessary)	x 1	Winter
	Watering (during hot/ dry weather)	Up to 4x	Spring, Summer
	Pest and disease control	x 1	May
Year 7	Application of Herbicide	As necessary	Spring, Summer & Autumn
	Firming	x 1	Throughout year
	Application of Fertiliser	As necessary	Spring
	Pruning	x 1	Autumn
	Scavenging/Litter clearance	As necessary	Spring, Summer & Autumn
	Replacement planting (if necessary)	x 1	Winter
	Watering (during hot/ dry weather)	Up to 4x	Spring, Summer
	Pest and disease control	x 1	May
Year 8	Application of Herbicide	As necessary	Spring, Summer & Autumn
	Firming	x 1	Throughout year
	Application of Fertiliser	As necessary	Spring
	Pruning	x 1	Autumn

Maintenance Period (Initial Maintenance Period Years 9-10)	Operation	Frequency (must be undertaken for each individual season indicated)	Timing
	Scavenging/Litter clearance	As necessary	Spring, Summer & Autumn
	Replacement planting (if necessary)	x 1	Winter
	Watering (during hot/ dry weather)	Up to 4x	Spring, Summer
	Pest and disease control	x 1	May
Year 9	Application of Herbicide	As necessary	Spring, Summer & Autumn
	Firming	x 1	Throughout year
	Application of Fertiliser	As necessary	Spring
	Pruning	x 1	Autumn
	Scavenging/Litter clearance	As necessary	Spring, Summer & Autumn
	Replacement planting (if necessary)	x 1	Winter
	Watering (during hot/ dry weather)	Up to 4x	Spring, Summer
	Pest and disease control	x 1	May
Year 10	Application of Herbicide	As necessary	Spring, Summer & Autumn
	Firming	x 1	Throughout year
	Application of Fertiliser	As necessary	Spring
	Pruning	x 1	Autumn
	Scavenging/Litter clearance	As necessary	Spring, Summer & Autumn
	Replacement planting (if necessary)	x 1	Winter
	Watering (during hot/ dry weather)	Up to 4x	Spring, Summer
	Pest and disease control	x 1	May

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

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