



Notes:  
Plants to be container grown - min. 45 litre pots

To be read in conjunction with specification

4no Ilex aquifolium EHS 12-14cm  
girth



<b>DRAWING</b> Proposed Mitigation Planting			
<b>PROJECT</b> Paysanne, Godshill			
<b>CLIENT</b> Mr I and Mrs A Vickers			
<b>SCALE</b> As shown	<b>DATE</b>	<b>DRAWN</b> SW	
<b>DRAWING NUMBER</b> BLA062-001		<b>REVISION</b>	

## **1. GENERAL**

- 1.1 All plants will conform to BS 3936-1 (1992): and be in accordance with the National Plant Specification. Supplying nurseries will be registered under the HTA Nursery Certification Scheme. All trees shall be planted in accordance with BS: 8545:2014. All plants will be packed and transported in accordance with the Code of Practice for Plant Handling as produced by CPSE.

Planting will not be carried out when the ground is waterlogged, frost bound or during periods of cold drying winds.

## **2. TREE PLANTING**

### **Ground Preparation and Tree Pit Excavation**

- 2.1 If the formation level is compacted it will be ripped through before topsoiling.
- 2.2 Where necessary existing weeds will be treated with a suitable glyphosate-based herbicide and a suitable period allowed to elapse, as recommended by the manufacturer, for the herbicide to take effect.
- 2.3 Tree pits will be excavated to at least twice the diameter of the root spread and to be planted in accordance with BS 4428 (1989). The bottom and sides shall be forked to break up the subsoil. All extraneous matter such as plastic, wood, metal and stones greater than 50mm diameter in any dimension will be removed from site.

### **Planting**

- 2.4 Trees are to be placed into the pits and backfilled with local topsoil previously stripped from the site. A general-purpose slow release fertiliser (at the rate of 75gm/m<sup>2</sup>) and Tree Planting and Mulching Compost (at the rate of 20litres/m<sup>2</sup>) are to be incorporated into the top 150mm of topsoil during backfilling. Where

tree pits are more than 300mm deep, backfilled material shall be consolidated/firmed in 150mm layers.

- 2.5 Trees shall be planted as per the planting pattern set out in the plant schedule on the relevant drawing.
- 2.6 Trees shall be well firmed-in and secured with stakes, proprietary rubber tree ties and spacers as below.
- 2.7 All newly planted trees over 1.5m high will be held so that movement at the root collar is minimised until new roots have developed to anchor the tree. Therefore, low staking (75mm dia x 1.5m length) will be used and attached to the tree at approximately 600mm above ground level. Stakes will be driven 300mm into undisturbed ground before planting the tree, taking care to avoid underground services and cables. The trees will be staked using proprietary rubber ties and must be firmly fixed with a spacing device used to prevent chafing against the tree.
- 2.8 Trees will be double-staked. Composted bark mulch will be spread to a depth of 75mm across in a 1.0m diameter circle around all individual trees, ensuring that desirable groundcover plants (where present) are not buried.
- 2.9 All trees shall be watered in at the end of each day of planting.

### **Maintenance during first growing season**

- 2.11 All dead, dying or diseased trees will be replaced with trees of similar size and species. If the failure of the tree is due to disease and the disease is considered likely to re-occur then an alternative species may be used as replacement if agreed with the LPA.
- 2.12 The following operations will be undertaken throughout the year:
- 2.13 Weed clearance: All planting areas will be kept weed free by hand weeding or herbicide treatment.

- 2.14 Checking trees: All tree ties and stakes will be checked and adjusted if too loose, too tight or if chafing is occurring. Any broken stakes will be replaced.
- 2.15 Formative pruning: Any damaged shoots/branches will be pruned back to healthy wood. Plants will be pruned in accordance with good horticultural practice to maintain healthy well-shaped specimens.

**Watering during first growing season**

- 2.16 The requirement for watering of newly planted trees will generally be dependent on weather conditions during the first growing season following planting. In a dry season watering may be required on a fortnightly basis from immediately after planting until the end of the growing season, but in a wet season watering may not be required at all. Therefore, trees shall be monitored regularly by test digging down to root level to assess the water content of the soil, with watering undertaken as required to ensure that the soil is at field capacity 2-3 days after watering.