

Landscaping Details

Llyr, Llanyre

Introduction

The proposed landscaping scheme is to be read in relation to the Proposed Block Plan (Ref 0152 / 1 - Proposed Block, Landscaping and Location Plans). The purpose of the proposed landscaping is to provide biodiversity enhancement and improve the appearance of the proposed development while screening it from the adjacent units.

New Hedgerows & Trees

Planting

Planting will take place in the first season (Nov-March) following completion of the development. Planting in very cold or wet weather will be avoided. Plants are to be obtained from a reputable supplier.

Tree planting is to consist of 0.5-1.0m high bareroot whips. Dig a square pit large enough to take the tree roots, putting the soil to one side and discarding any large stones. Place the plant into the pit, spreading the roots out. Ensure the soil collar is at the correct height and adjust if necessary, then backfill with the soil. Shake the tree gently as the soil goes in to ensure it trickles through the roots and any air pockets are filled. Finish level with the surrounding soil, gently firm it in and water if required.

Species List

Refer to the Block and Landscaping Plan for numbers and location.

Tree planting to consist of:

Alder, Holly, Downy Birch, Wild Cherry, Field Maple.

Management and Protection Plan

Maintenance of the proposed and any existing hedgerows will be carried out for the lifetime of the development to ensure the plantings remain healthy and in keeping with the original approval. Any plants which die or are considered to be unhealthy will be replaced for the lifetime of the development.

Long-term maintenance will also be carried out. Hedge trimming will only take place in January to February to avoid the destruction of bird's nests and also to allow any berry crops to be used by wintering birds. When trimmed, in order to promote faster growth at the tops and sides the hedge will be trimmed and be pruned in a "shaped A Shape" hedge. This is best

for hedge viability and for welfare.

The planted hedgerows and trees will be protected from rodent damage with spiral tree guards or the use of rabbit netting which will be removed once the plants are well established (approx. 3-5 years). Weed control is essential if newly planted trees are to be able to establish and will be undertaken for at least the first three years after planting. To prevent weed competition an area 1.0 meter across will be cleared of vegetation in line with the new hedge. Mulches will be provided and maintained and will be effective at suppressing weeds. The mulch will be applied to a minimum depth of 100mm.

Protection from grazing animals, both livestock and wild animals will be provided by the erection of a permanent stock-proof post and wire fence.

Existing trees

No healthy trees will be removed or impacted upon as a result of the works associated with the construction of the building.