

The Dene, Ropley Planting Plan (BLA114-01)

Landscape Notes

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REFER TO THE FOLLOWING NOTES BASED ON NBS LANDSCAPE SPECIFICATION

GENERAL NOTES

The contractor is to liaise with the main contractor to establish the position of as-built services and manhole covers prior to cultivation and excavation of planted areas and tree pits. If there is any conflict in the information indicated on the contract drawings, the contractor must seek clarification from all the design consultants involved. The use of root protection barriers is advocated where there is any potential conflict between trees/shrubs and footings, foundations or services/utilities.

All trees, planting and grass areas will be subject to a 12 month maintenance and 5 year defects liability period

SETTING OUT

All shrubs to be set out in a random, equally spaced pattern as relevant to the size and shape of the planting bed at approximately 3no plants per square m unless otherwise stated in the plant schedule.

SITE CLEARANCE

Remove rubbish, concrete, metal, glass, decayed vegetation and contaminated topsoil

Stones: Remove those with any dimension exceeding 50mm

Contamination: Remove material containing toxins, pathogens or other extraneous substances harmful to plant, animal or human life.

Vegetation: Clear scrub to ground level by flail mowing and remove arisings.

Large roots: Grub up and dispose of without undue disturbance of soil and adjacent areas.

SOIL CONDITIONS

Soil for cultivating and planting: Moist, friable and not waterlogged.

Frozen or snow covered soil: Give notice before planting. Provide additional root

protection. CLIMATIC CONDITIONS

General: Carry out the work while soil and weather conditions are suitable. Strong winds – do not plant

TIME OF YEAR FOR PLANTING

Deciduous trees and shrubs: Late October to late March. Container grown plants: At any

time if the ground and weather conditions are favourable. Watering and weed control:

provide as necessary.

MECHANICAL TOOLS

Restrictions – Do not use within 100mm of tree and plant stems

WATERING

Quantity: wet full depth of topsoil

Application: Even and without damaging or displacing plants or soil

Frequency: As necessary to ensure establishment and continued thriving of planting

GENERAL PLANTING ADVICE

CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS/TREES

Growing medium: With adequate nutrients for plants to thrive until permanently planted

Plants: Centred in containers, firmed and well watered

Root growth: Substantially filling containers, but not root bound, and in a condition conducive to successful transplanting

Hardiness: Grown in open for at least 2 months before being supplied

Containers: With holes adequate for drainage when placed on any substrate commonly used under irrigation systems

PLANT HANDLING, STORAGE, TRANSPORT AND PLANTING

Frost: Protect plants from frost

Handling: Handle plants with care. Protect from mechanical damage and do not subject to shock e.g. by dropping from a vehicle

PREPARATION OF PLANTING BEDS/PLANTING MATERIAL

General fertilizer: Slow release to all shrub beds. Spread evenly immediately before cultivation at a rate of 10g/m²

Do not use peat or products containing peat

MULCH MATTING/GEOTEXTILE FABRIC TO ALL SHRUB PLANTING

Manufactuer: Mypex – product reference: woven groundcover weed suppressant

membrane Timing: Lay before planting

Watering: Water soil thoroughly before laying

Laying: In close contact with soil surface. Lap or butt joints as recommended by the manufacturer with no gaps.

Planting: Cut neat slits or flaps. Refit closely around plant stems

Overlay: 70mm mulching to all planting beds

Secure edges with peg/staple

PLANTING SHRUBS

Regular plant layout to all beds, in regular, staggered rows. Density, as per plant schedule

SHRUB PLANTING PITS

Timing: Excavate 1-2 days (maximum) before planting

Sizes: 150mm wider than roots when fully spread and 200mm deep

Backfill with excavated material

AFTER PLANTING

Watering: Immediately after planting, thoroughly and without damaging or displacing plants or soil.

Firming: Lightly firm soil around plants and fork and/or rake soil, without damaging roots to a fine tilth with gentle cambers and no hollows.

Top dressing: Not required

MULCHING PLANTING BEDS

Material: 100% composted green waste mulch 40mm PAS 100

Preparation: Clear all weeds. Water soil thoroughly

Coverage: 70mm depth

Finished level of mulch: 30mm below adjacent grassed or paved areas

HEDGE PLANTING NOTES

Hedging should be planted in two, staggered rows at a density of not less than 5 per meter, with approximately 450mm between plants in the same row, and 300-400mm between rows. The interplant whips/transplants should be planted within this pattern in groups of 2/3.

Hedgerows are best planted between November and March, avoiding periods of heavy frost.

The hedge plants specified are to be supplied 40-60, the hedge will be 60cm tall when planted. The hedge will grow but can be clipped back to the required height

Hedge planting technique

Notch planting – insert spade and rock back and forth to form a notch. Insert roots well down into notch. Pull the plant upwards a little to straighten the roots. Firm the soil lightly with heel to exclude air

Method of establishment and protection

MAINTENANCE

Duration: Carry out the following operations from completion of planting until the end of the defects liability period

FAILURES OF PLANTING

Plants/shrubs that have failed to thrive must be rectified and replaced with equivalent plants/shrubs.

Replacements must match the size of adjacent or nearby plants of the same species. Making good must occur during the next suitable planting season

CLEANLINESS

Soil and arisings must be removed from hard surface and grassed areas

Leave the works in a clean, tidy condition at completion and after any maintenance operations

PLANTING MAINTENANCE GENERALLY

Weed control: Maintain weed free area around each tree and shrub. Keep planting beds clear of weeds by hoeing

Planted areas: Fork over beds as necessary to keep soil loose, with gentle cambers and no hollows. Take care not to reduce depth or effect of mulch.

Precautions: Ensure that trees and shrubs are not damaged by use of mowers, nylon filament rotary cutters and similar powered tools.

WATERING

Water full depth of topsoil, do not damage or loosen plants.

Frequency: as necessary for the continued thriving of all planting

ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW PLANTING

Weed control: Keep planting beds clear of weeds by hand weeding and maintaining full thickness of mulch

Soil condition: Fork over beds to keep soil loose, with gentle cambers and no hollows. Do not reduce depth or effect of mulch

Dead and diseased plants – remove as soon as possible and replace in the next suitable planting season

Hand weeding – remove weeds entirely, including roots. Remove the minimum quantity of soil, and disturb plants as little as possible.

Completion: Rake area to a neat, clean condition and reinstate mulch to a neat, clean condition

Maintenance of loose mulch – thickness 70mm. Top up every 3 months. Remove weeds and rubbish and return to planted area.

It is recommended that some form of protection is used to protect the planted shrubs and help promote good establishment. Spiral guards supported by a cane are recommended. The guard needs to be pushed up to 50mm into the ground. In time, the shrubs will outgrow the tubes, which should then be removed to prevent unnecessary damage and allow the trees to grown freely.

HANDLING TOPSOIL

Standard to BS3882

Aggressive weeds;

Species: Included in the Weeds Act, section 2 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act, Schedule 9, part II

Give notice: Obtain instructions before moving topsoil

Contamination: Do not mix topsoil with:

- Subsoil, stone, hardcore, rubbish or material from demolition work.
- Other soil or material containing aggressive weeds, sharps, plastics and non soil forming materials and notifiable animal or plant diseases.
- Oil, fuel, cement or other substances harmful to plant growth
- Other classifications of topsoil

Multiple handling: Keep to a minimum. Use topsoil immediately after

stripping TOPSOIL STORAGE HEAPS

Location: on site

To BS3882

Protection: Do not place any other material on top of storage heaps

Do not allow construction plant to pass over storage heaps

Prevent compaction and contamination

PLACING FILL

Surfaces of excavations and areas to be filled. Free from loose soil, topsoil, organic material, rubbish and standing water

Freezing conditions: Do not place fill on frozen surfaces. Remove material affected by frost. Replace and recompact if not damaged after thawing

COMPACTION GENERALLY

General: Compact fill not specified to be let loose as soon as possible after placing.

After compaction: Surface of each layer must be well closed, showing no movement under compaction plant, and without cracks, holes, ridges, loose material and the like.

Topsoil

GRADING SUBSOIL

General: Grade to smooth flowing contours to achieve specified finished levels of topsoil.

Areas of thicker topsoil. Excavate locally

INSPECTING FORMATIONS

Give notice: Before spreading topsoil for any areas

PREPARATION OF UNDISTURBED TOPSOIL

In accordance with BS 4428 (code of practice for general landscape operations)

PEAT

Peat or products containing peat: Do not use

CULTIVATION

Compacted topsoil: Break up to full depth

Material brought to the surface: Remove stones and clay balls larger than 50mm in any dimension, roots, tufts of grass, rubbish and debris

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Aggressive weeds: Give notice and obtain instructions before moving topsoil

Contamination: Do not mix topsoil with:

Subsoil, stone, hardcore, rubbish or material from demolition work

Wet conditions: Handle topsoil in the driest condition possible. Do not handle during or after heavy rainfall or when it is wetter than the plastic limit less 3%, to BS 1377-2

SPREADING TOPSOIL

Layers: Depth (max) 150mm

Gently firm each layer before spreading the next

Depth after firming and settlement (minimum) 150mm

Crumb structure: Do not compact topsoil. Preserve a friable texture of separate visible crumbs wherever possible.

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