MERSTONE VALLEY LANDSCAPE TREE PLANTING PROPOSALS:

Hedgerows:

H1.

New hedgerows to the north and east of the site with the following species.

Mixed native species 'countryside' hedgerow:

• Hawthorn Crataegus monogyna

• Blackthorn Prunus spinosa

- Spindleberry Bush Euronymus europeaus
- Common Dogwood Cornus sanguinea

• Dog Rose Rosa canina

Size: 'Whips' 60-90cm.

Spacing: Double staggered row 50cm centers - 5 plants per metre.

Bare rooted or root plugs.

H2

• Beech - Fagus Sylvatica.

Size: 'Whips' 60-90cm.

Spacing: Double staggered row 50cm centers - 5 plants per metre.

Bare rooted or root plugs.

Small Trees:

Plan Identification	Species	Amount
FM	Field Maple Acer campestre	3
HAZ	Hazel Corylus Avellana	4
HB	Hornbeam Carpinus betulus	2
EO	English Oak <i>Quercus robur</i>	3
CA	Crab Apple Malus sylvestris	2
DA	Damson Prunus domestica subsp insititia	2

Size – Feathered tree 1.5 - 1.8 m high Bare rooted or container grown.

Specimen Trees:

Plan Identification	Species	Amount
A	Red Horse Chestnut Aesculus x Carnea	2
В	English Oak <i>Quercus robur</i>	2
C	Silver Birch Betula pendula	3
D	Swedish Whitebeam Sorbus intermedia	2
E	Mountain Ash Sorbus aucuparia	2
F	Wild Service Tree Sorbus torminalis	2
G	Strawberry Tree Arbutus unado	3
Н	Crab Apple (ornamental) Malus 'Evereste'	2
I	Tree Cotoneaster Cotoneaster cornubia	2

Size – Light Standard. 6-8cm diameter Root balled or container grown.

Planting - Throughout the site in plots in the indicative positions as indicated on the Landscape Plan.

Planting Schedule:

GENERAL:

- 1. All plants are to be true to type, pest and disease free and of good shape and form.
- 2. Trees are to be of sizes already stated and should be well maintained and watered.
- 3. Any changes to plant species for whatever reason e.g. availability will be first approved by the IoW Council Planning department.

TIMING:

1. The planting timing shall be carried out in the first planting seasons prior to the occupation of the buildings or the completion of the development.

SETTING OUT:

- 1. Trees and hedgerows are to be planted in indicative positions shown in the landscape plan drawing.
- 2. Shrub positioning will be the landscapers/ contractors responsibility, but in agreement with the owner or site manager.

PLANTING:

- 1. Planting areas should be un-compacted and have a good quality top soil.
- 2. Planting for the hedgerows will be 'notch' or 'T' planting.
- 3. For the trees a 1m diameter (or more if the container size is greater) planting hole will be excavated and the bottom broken up for better irrigation.
- 4. Planting should not take place if ground conditions are frozen or periods of hard frost or snow.
- 5. If planting in a very dry period plants should be well watered in and regular watering carried out until weather conditions improve.

- 6. A layer of composted bark chippings is to be used as a mulch covering to an average depth of 75mm for the planting areas.
- 7. A layer of composted bark / wood chippings is to be used as a mulch covering to an average depth of 75mm and of 50cm radius mulched area around each of the trees planted. The hedgerows will have a 1m wide strip of the mulched area.
- 8. After planting any damaged or broken parts of plants will be pruned out to suitable growing points.

STAKEING:

- 1. Trees are to be held in place by a twin stake with a cross brace or a prop stake angled towards the prevailing wind direction set at a point just below the first crown branches or at a height no more than 2/5ths the height of the tree planted.
- 2. The tree to be tied to this using a rubber strap and buffer nailed to the stake or crosspiece
- 3. For larger specimen trees an underground cable guying system may be used, with an integral underground irrigation system.

MAINTENANCE:

- 1. After planting, a maintenance period of 5 years will be put in place. This may be less if suitable establishment occurs before that time.
- 2. Planting will be generally weeded if necessary and watered during periods of dry weather or if plants appear to be wilting.
- 3. After stormy or strong winds plants will be checked for ground firmness and re-firmed in if required. Any damaged or broken parts pruned out.
- 4. If a tree becomes diseased or dies within their establishment period they shall be replaced with a plant of similar size and species in the first planting season after its demise.
- 5. Mulch layer will be maintained at the set depth and 'topped up' as required.

Landscaping Plan Showing Proposed Layout

