LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Hours, Church Road, Coldred, Near Dover



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INTRODUCTION

The land and adjacent house are privately owned and thus the maintenance of the land will be undertaken by the owners.

The site comprises part of a former railway cutting which over the years had become derelict.

The proposal includes the partial infilling of the former cutting together with the planting of New trees and grass seeding.

DESCRIPTION

This plan is compiled in respect of works described as, 'Reconstruction of original brick bridge piers (previously demolished) and boundary fence to Church Road frontage, partial infilling to section of former railway cutting, new planting and

biodiversity enhancements including removal of temporary hoarding.

PLANNING

Planning permission was granted at Appeal, Dover Planning reference 22/01245 Appeal decision APP/X2220/W/23/3318935

Condition 5 requires

Prior to commencement of the infill works hereby approved, a landscaping scheme for the site shall be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority

The landscaping scheme shall include the planting of at least 6 additional trees and include details of species, sizes and proposed numbers/densities where appropriate.

Thereafter, the approved landscaping scheme shall be fully carried out within 12 months of the commencement of development, or such other timeframe approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Any trees or other plants which within a period of five years from planting die, are removed or become seriously damaged or diseased shall be replaced in the next planting season with others of a similar size and species unless the Local Planning Authority give prior written consent to any variation.

Condition 7 requires

Prior to the commencement of infilling works a Tree Protection Plan detailing how trees within the appeal site will be protected during the construction and infill works hereby permitted, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be undertaken in accordance with the approved Tree Protection Plan.

LANDSCAPE DESIGN

The landscape and visual impact is considered to be key to the success of the development.

The design principals include

- Provision of new tree planting to add visual enhancement to the development
- Adoption of high quality landscape management regime to ensure all landscape works become positively established

The landscape has been designed so as to easy to maintain whist providing a visually attractive setting whilst providing biodiversity enhancement.

MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES

The scheme as designed provides the following broad objectives.

Enhancement of the landscape – to maintain and develop the proposals for the planting scheme such that they and integrated with the surrounding landscape.

Biodiversity – to create and maintain habitat types where possible and encourage a greater biodiversity which is sustainable within the limits and constraints of the site.

Visual amenity – to provide and maintain a visually pleasing scheme and encourage the rapid and sustained establishment of the planning.

User Safety – To ensure the Health and Safety of the development

SPECIFICATION OF PLANTING (see also landscape plan)

Topsoil - All new planted areas shall have adequate topsoil cover so as to allow sustainable growth. Topsoil depth to be as follows

Shrub beds, 350 – 400mm Grassed areas, 150mm

Subsoil and topsoil to be placed in layers not exceeding 150mm and to be lightly compacted to reduce the risk of settlement. To all areas afford adequate drainage as required and ensure correct soil levels extending to the bottom of fencing material, posts, gravel boards, walls etc thought the site.

Existing and imported topsoil is to comply with BS3882, and be free of compaction and or deleterious material, rocks, bricks and builders rubble.

Topsoil to have a clay content not exceeding 20% and be fit for purpose. Trees - New trees to be 10 - 12 size. All specimens are to be adequately staked and suitably attached.

SOFT LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT

Grass areas

Seeded and turfed areas should be maintained with operations including mowing, strimming, edging, watering, fertilizing, etc. as require to maintain and promote a healthy

vigorous sward free from disease, fungal growth, discoloration, scorch or wilt, to present a neat and tidy appearance.

Specimen trees are generally located so as to afford maximum visual impact to the scheme. They should be managed so as to avoid conflict with residents of the site etc., in a manner to retain their typical form. Management operations should include, pruning, removal of dead matter, re-staking to retain stability in early years until establishment.

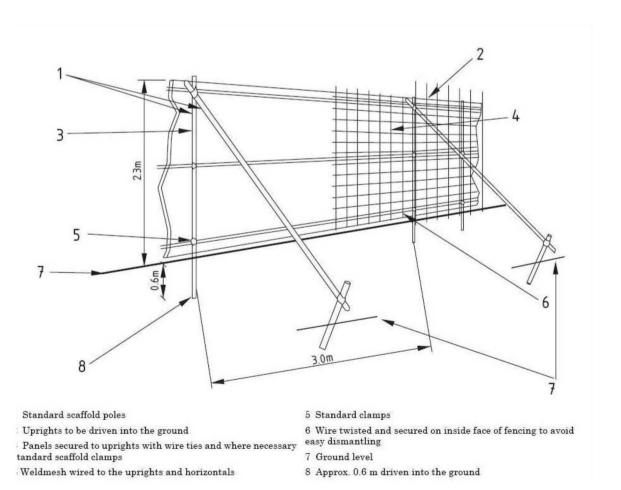
MEASURES TO PROTECT RETAINED TREES DURING CONSTRUCTION

The Arboricultural Report Consulting prepared by Duramen Consulting states,

I do not consider it practical or necessary to install any fencing to protect trees during the proposed works. If machinery is necessary to import materials an area of ground protection boards between the public road and the zone used to drop materials into the cutting would be useful to prevent ground compaction and disturbance. Details can be provided if considered necessary.

Condition 7 however requires Tree Protection Plan detailing

SEE TREE PROTECTION PLAN



GENERAL OPERATIONS

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AREA	PRESCRIPTION	PRIORITY	DESCRIPTION
Plan review			The success and failings of the Management Plan should be reviewed every 5 years, the first review taking place with 12 months of the start of this plan. The descriptive may remain unaltered whilst the prescriptive should be flexible and evolving, taking into account changes, new threats and the maturity of the site and landscape

TIMING OF OPERATIONS

OPERATION	YEAR	J	F	М	А	М	J	J	А	S	0	N	D	COMMENT
Tree/shrub planting				Х	Х	Х				Х	Х	Х		
Replacement inspection, review	1 - 5													
Watering	1 - 3				Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х				Essential operation if risk of drought
Re-firming Newly planted material	1 - 2	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	As required
Removal of litter	1 - 5	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	As required
Pest and desiese control (when required)	1 - 5	Х	Х	Х	Х	X	X	Х	Х	X	X	X	X	

General Pruning	1 - 5	Х	Х	Х							X	X	X	Exact timing may be dependent on species
Slow release fertilizer														
Weed control	1 - 5			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			
Prune out dead or damaged wood as required	1 - 5	Х	Х											Dead or damaged branched look unsightly and promote vandalism

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