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1 Introduction

1.1 Background and Consented Planning Permission

1.1.1 Outline planning permission was granted by Buckinghamshire Country Council Aylesbury Vale Area in September 2019 for residential development of the site (up to 120 dwellings), associated infrastructure, ancillary facilities, open space and landscaping at land at Old Brickyard Farm, North Winslow (ref: 19/03482/AOP). The permission is subject to a number of conditions, of which Condition 21 is relevant to ecology and states:

Condition 21

"A landscape and ecological management plan (LEMP) shall be submitted to, and be approved in writing by, the local planning authority prior to the commencement of the development. The content of the LEMP shall include the following:

- a) Description and evaluation of features to be managed.
- b) Ecological trends and constraints on site that might influence management.
- c) Aims and objectives of management
- d) Appropriate management options for achieving aims and objectives
- e) Prescriptions for management actions.
- f) Preparation of a work schedule (including an annual work plan capable of being rolled forward over a five-year period).
- g) Details of the body or organization responsible for implementation of the plan.
- h) Ongoing monitoring and remedial measures.

The LEMP shall also identify the legal and funding mechanism(s) by which the long-term implementation of the plan will be secured by the developer with the management body(ies) responsible for its delivery. The plan shall also set out (where the results from monitoring show that conservation aims and objectives of the LEMP are not being met) how contingencies and/or remedial action will be identified, agreed and implemented so that the development still delivers the fully functioning biodiversity objectives of the originally approved scheme. The approved plan will be implemented in accordance with the approved details."

- 1.1.2 Accordingly, Aspect Ecology has been commissioned by Bloor Homes South Midlands to assist with satisfying Condition 21.
- 1.1.3 This LEMP is based on Aspect Ecology's Ecological Appraisal of the site, dated January 2021', hereafter referred to as the 2021 Ecological Appraisal. The LEMP should be read in conjunction with the Soft Landscape Plans produced by Bloor Homes (see Appendix 1021/LEMP1).

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1.2 **Site Description**

1.2.1 The site is situated at the northern edge of Winslow, Buckinghamshire, to the north of a disused section of the Varsity railway line, which formerly linked Oxford and Cambridge. Network Rail is currently in the process of bringing this railway line back into use (as part of the East West Rail project) and are actively working on the section immediately to the south of the site. The site comprises species-poor semi-improved grassland bound by hedgerows and trees. In addition, a small area of secondary woodland, two ponds and tall ruderal are present. Within the north of the site are a number of agricultural type buildings with associated hardstanding and amenity planting.

1.3 **Purpose of the Report**

1.3.1 Aspect Ecology has been commissioned by Bloor Homes South Midlands to prepare a Landscape and Ecological Management Plan based on the latest landscape plans, to provide management and maintenance guidelines for the managing body and details of the faunal enhancements to be provided as part of the development scheme.

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2 Description and Evaluation of Features to be Managed

2.1 Overview

2.1.1 Provided below is a summary of the ecological features currently on-site that are to be retained and managed, as well as ecological resources which will be created by the development, which require protection, mitigation and/or management as identified in the 2021 Ecological Appraisal.

2.2 Habitats to be Protected and Managed

- Hedgerows the hedgerow delineating the western boundary of the site and the hedgerow immediately adjacent to the south are to be retained and constitute important ecological features.
- **Woodland** an area of secondary woodland at the centre of the site forms an important ecological feature and is to be protected under the proposals.
- Trees a number of young to mature native trees are to be retained and protected under the proposals largely associated with the hedgerows and woodland at the centre of the site.
- Ponds the existing ponds at the centre of the site are to be retained, however they are to be reprofiled as part of the surface water drainage strategy and will therefore be subject to works.

2.3 Habitats and Features to be Created and Managed

- Species-rich Wildflower Grassland;
- Trees;
- Shrubs; and
- Attenuation basin.

2.4 New Faunal Features

As set out within the 2021 Ecological Appraisal, bat and bird boxes will be installed at the site as part of the development. In addition to this, a number of Hedgehog domes and Hedgehog cut-outs will be installed within the site to provide shelter/hibernation opportunities for Hedgehog and ensure connectivity is maintained for this species within the site. Hibernacula and log piles will be created within areas of new planting to provide shelter for amphibians and reptiles, as well as a foraging resource for a range of invertebrates. These features are described in Chapter 6 and will be subject to ongoing management.

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3 Ecological Trends and Constraints On-site that may Influence Management

- 3.1 Climate change has the potential to affect the distribution of habitats and fauna within the UK and alter the timing of seasonal events. Hydrological changes will have a particular impact on aquatic ecosystems. There is therefore the potential for the newly created onsite wetland habitat to dry out more frequently during summer months as a result of climate change. However, as the existing ponds within the site regularly dry out throughout the year, the species present are likely adapted to withstand this ephemeral habitat. In addition, aquatic habitats will be at an increased risk of deoxygenation due to hotter and drier summers. However, the other retained habitats on-site (e.g. hedgerows and woodland) are likely to be relatively resilient to future climate changes.
- 3.2 Faunal species ranges may shift slightly due to climate change, however this is not expected to significantly influence the proposed management of habitats within the site. Increased winter temperatures may shorten the Great Crested Newt hibernation season and bring forward the breeding season, whilst decreased summer rainfall could lead to an increase in pond desiccation during the latter half of the breeding season. It is therefore difficult to predict how climate change might impact species such as Great Crested Newt which rely on standing water, however the provision of new waterbodies on-site as part of the scheme design will increase the opportunities available and therefore increase overall resilience to changes in precipitation. Increased temperatures and decreased rainfall in the summer months would also increase the likelihood of drought impacting grassland habitats within the site. As such, plant species tolerant to drought are to be included within the proposed planting plans. In addition, the provision of a mosaic of grassland and shrub habitat will increase the diversity of microclimates available on-site compared to existing, allowing for a corresponding increase in resilience of associated faunal species and an increased potential for the site to support additional species.

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4 Aims and Objectives of Management

4.1 Landscape Aims and Objectives

- 4.1.1 The primary management aims from a landscape perspective are to ensure that the new and retained areas of soft landscaping provide an attractive setting for the development, integrating the development into the surrounding landscape, and provide useable amenity spaces for people from the development.
- 4.1.2 The above aims will essentially be achieved by the establishment and future sustained growth of native hedgerows, trees, wetland and grassland areas through appropriate management operations, as detailed below in Chapter 5 and the Landscape Specifications and Schedule at Appendix 1021/LEMP2.

4.2 **Ecology Aims and Objectives**

4.2.1 The primary aim from an ecological perspective is for management to ensure the retained and newly created habitats deliver the desired ecological enhancements for the benefit of local biodiversity, while making a positive contribution to national conservation priorities. This will be achieved through the following key objectives.

Objective 1:

4.2.2 Management of retained habitats (secondary woodland, hedgerows, trees and grassland) to promote vigour, structural integrity, and species diversity, thereby providing places of shelter, movement corridors, and foraging resources for wildlife.

Objective 2:

4.2.3 Establishment and subsequent management of new hedgerows, woodland, shrubs and ponds / wetlands in accordance with Objective 1.

Objective 3:

4.2.4 Establishment and subsequent management of new areas of wildflower grassland to promote floristic diversity and opportunities for wildlife.

Objective 4:

4.2.5 Provision and maintenance of new faunal species-specific features (e.g. bat and bird boxes, Hedgehog domes, log-piles for saproxylic organisms and additional newt and reptile habitat) to provide enduring places of shelter for wildlife.

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5 Habitat-specific Creation and Management Actions

5.1.1 The development will provide a range of habitats to enhance the landscape setting and increase biodiversity for future generations. In order for the biodiversity and landscape benefits to be realised, an appropriate management strategy will be implemented. Ecologically relevant maintenance and management requirements are provided below.

5.2 Retained Woodland

Management

- 5.2.1 The woodland management shall be undertaken sensitively, guided by ecological principles which include minimising the use of herbicides / pesticides, etc., avoiding the use of heavy machinery which may cause soil compaction and ensuring that relevant works are undertaken outside of the nesting bird season (i.e. outside 1st March to 31st August inclusive).
- 5.2.2 Minimal sylvicultural intervention is likely to be necessary given the small size and nature of the retained woodland. However, annual inspections by a suitably qualified arboriculturalist will be carried out to provide a health-check on the canopy trees within the woodland. Should any trees require felling due to safety reasons or to prevent the spread of disease, for example, any timber arising shall be retained as habitat piles within the woodland. Over time, the woodland management will seek to continually build up the deadwood resource within the woodland by retention and stacking of arisings.
- 5.2.3 Every three years, a proportion (no more than a third in any 3-year period) of any overly dominant scrub growth (e.g. Bramble) will be thinned and any invasive species will be removed. Any litter within the woodland will also be removed.

5.3 Retained Hedgerows

Management

5.3.1 The retained hedgerows along the northern and western site boundaries will be trimmed on a rotational basis every two or three years in late winter so as to achieve the desired dense hedgerow structure and also to maximise fruit production of fruit-bearing shrub species. Hedgerow management will take place outside of the bird nesting season (i.e. outside 1st March to 31st August inclusive).

5.4 **Retained Trees**

Management

5.4.1 The existing retained trees will not typically require any active management. Nonetheless, an annual visual monitoring inspection of all trees within the site will be conducted as part of the on-going management operations. The visual inspection will identify the need for any proactive tree surgery measures and if necessary, a professional arboriculturalist will be consulted.

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5.5 New Tree/Shrub Planting

Creation

New trees and shrubs are to be planted which will provide opportunities for wildlife, including invertebrates, birds, bats and small mammals. Planting a variety of trees/shrubs with varying flowering/fruiting periods will provide year-round foraging opportunities for a range of fauna, including invertebrates, birds (such as the Priority Species Starling *Sturnus vulgaris*), and small mammals. When mature, the trees and shrubs will also provide additional nesting opportunities for birds. Planting shall be carried out, where practicable, during the period of 1st November to 31st March inclusive, when the ground is not frozen or water logged.

Management

- 5.5.2 Initially, new trees/shrubs will be subject to weed control to promote their growth, through the application of mulch in early summer (April), the use of mulch mats around the base, or use of herbicides in a 1m diameter around the base. Tree guards or shelters will be used to protect new trees from potential grazing damage (e.g. Rabbits) and weed control and watering will be undertaken during the initial management phase to ensure rapid establishment. New planting growth will be monitored every six months during the first year following planting and annually thereafter, with weed control, watering, replacement of tree guards and replanting of failed specimens undertaken as required.
- 5.5.3 New trees/shrubs will generally only be subject to ongoing management on an 'as needed' basis. This may include pruning of tree/shrub species to enhance habitat structure and removal of non-native species. Newly planted areas in particular will not be subject to any substantial works in the short-term to allow establishment. Once established, tree guards will be removed and stakes provided if required. Ongoing management will ensure the planting does not encroach into adjacent habitats. No substantial works to woody vegetation (other than trimming of minor growth) will take place between 1st March to 31st August inclusive, in order to safeguard nesting birds.

5.6 Retained Grassland

- 5.6.1 Areas of grassland at the centre and the south-east of the site are to be retained and enhanced under the proposals, in addition several areas of wildflower grassland will be created under the proposals.
- The retained wildflower grassland shall be protected during the construction phase and managed with the newly created areas of wildflower grassland as a traditional meadow in perpetuity of the scheme to benefit a range of fauna by providing cover and foraging opportunities (see Section 5.7.3).

5.7 New Wildflower Grassland

Creation

5.7.1 The scheme will include the creation of areas of wildflower grassland within green open space at the site. Prior to seeding, the topsoil will be cultivated to remove the existing vegetation, including any injurious weeds. Following cultivation, the area will be sown with a seed mixture which can grow on a variety of soil types such as Emorsgate Seeds –General Purpose Meadow Mixture (EM1) (see Appendix 1021/LEMP3).

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- 5.7.2 This mixture contains a high diversity of herbs (a total of 24 species) with Crested Dog's-tail Cynosurus cristatus and Red Fescue Festuca rubra providing the dominant grass species. The mix also contains Yellow Rattle Rhinanthus minor, which will help to create a diverse mix of herbs to establish in the sward. The recommended sowing rate of this wildflower mixture is 4g/m². Prior to sowing, the seed mix should be combined with sawdust or barley meal in the ratio of 1:3. This will aid with a more even sow, especially as the seed mix contains seed of varying sizes, and also allows the areas already sown to be easily identified.
- 5.7.3 The wildflower seed shall be broadcast by hand or machine (e.g. fertiliser spreader) onto the soil surface. To achieve a good soil to seed contact, the seed will be lightly raked immediately after sowing. The seed shall be sown in late summer/early autumn (between August and September), which is when the majority of the sown species would naturally germinate, and those species that require a winter cooling period (vernalisation) to trigger germination are also favoured. If necessary, the seed could be sown in the spring, although the new seedlings will face greater competition from weeds and the germination of species requiring vernalisation will be delayed until the following year.

Management

- 5.7.4 Management of the wildflower grassland will be designed to encourage floristic diversity by regular cutting to control ranker grasses and weeds, whilst also controlling scrub encroachment and reducing nutrient levels. The cutting will also be timed to allow wildflowers to set seed.
- 5.7.5 **First Year Management.** The weed growth in the first spring following seeding is likely to be high. As such, it will be necessary to undertake regular mowing/cutting in the first year, between spring and autumn, to control weeds. This would involve cutting the sward each time it reaches 100-150mm in height, down to a height of 50-70mm. Arisings from the cutting will be removed from the grassland immediately. Regular pulling or spot treatment with herbicide may also be necessary.
- 5.7.6 **Ongoing Management.** Once established the wildflower grassland will be allowed to grow and flower to late July/August. The wildflower grassland will then be mown or strimmed to approximately 50mm. The arisings will be left *in situ* for one week (allowing the seed to shed), after which they will be collected and removed from the area.
- 5.7.7 After the main summer cut the grassland re-growth will be cut at least twice before November, with the aim of leaving the grass short through winter. The number of cuts should be determined by the fertility of the site, which will likely decrease over time. If any cuts produce significant quantities of arisings, these should be removed from the area.
- 5.7.8 A cut will also be undertaken in spring (to a height of 50mm) in the initial years of management when the soil is still likely to have a higher fertility. A spring cut will remove the first flush of grass and produce a shorter meadow in the summer. The need for a spring cut should be monitored and could cease after several years of on-going management.
- 5.7.9 **Weed Control.** The management practices detailed above should suppress perennial weeds such as Docks and Thistles in the long term. If, however, weeds become a problem within the wildflower grassland, these should be controlled by pulling. If necessary, spot spraying with a suitable herbicide could be undertaken. Indiscriminate herbicide spraying should not be undertaken.

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5.8 Amenity Grassland/Flowering Lawn

Creation

5.8.1 New public amenity grassland areas will be created using a mixture such as Emorsgate EL1 'Flowering Lawn' which provides greater foraging opportunities to pollinating invertebrates than typical species-poor amenity lawns, whilst also being able to withstand regular mowing. Prior to seeding, the area will be cultivated to produce, as far as possible, a fine, firm tilth and left to allow any weeds in the soil to germinate. Any weeds or re-growth should be dug-up and removed by hand. This process should be repeated as necessary to produce a sterile seed bed free from injurious weeds. Prior to sowing, the seed mix should be combined with sawdust or barleymeal in the ratio of 1:3. This will aid with a more even sow, especially as the seed mix contains seed of varying sizes, and also allows the areas already sown to be easily identified. Sowing is most effective for EL1 'Flowering Lawn' seed mix in late summer / early autumn at a density of 4g/m² (40 kg per hectare) onto cultivated soil. The seed should be broadcast by hand or machine (e.g. fertiliser spreader) onto the soil surface.

Management

5.8.2 Management will be designed to allow the continued function of the amenity grassland areas for recreation. Herbicide use will be kept to a minimum but any undesirable weeds will be spot-treated with a broad-spectrum herbicide such as glyphosate. This process shall be repeated as necessary to keep the grassland free from injurious weeds. The amenity grassland will be managed by frequent mowing to the desired height throughout the growing season, which will involve mowing to a height of 50mm whenever the sward reaches a height of 100mm. Mowing will be relaxed in late June for 4 – 8 weeks to allow flowering.

5.9 **SuDS**

Creation

- 5.9.1 The two central on-site ponds are to be enlarged and incorporated within a new, larger SuDS feature. Additionally, a new SuDS feature is to be created at the north-east of the site. The new SuDS features will have sinuous margins, over deepened areas to provide permanently wet features and marginal plant species will be provided to increase the biodiversity value of the SuDS in the short term. The margins will be sown with a seed mixture suited to wet soils such as Emorsgate Seeds Pond Edge Mix (EP1) (see Appendix 1021/LEMP4 for specifications) which include species such as Meadowsweet *Filipendula ulmaria*, Yellow Iris *Iris pseudacorus* and Purple Loosestrife *Lythrum salicaria*. The SuDS will also provide inundation habitat in periods of high rainfall providing additional habitat at the site, thereby providing additional biodiversity benefits. This new habitat will provide opportunities for a range of amphibian and invertebrate species, along with foraging habitat and water supply for mammals and birds.
- 5.9.2 The new SuDS will be located in publicly accessible areas and measures will therefore be taken to minimise the potential for negative impacts arising (such as disturbance by dogs or the introduction of fish or non-native plants). These include the provision of planting on areas of the banks to deter access but sited to avoid over shading of the pond surface.

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Management

- 5.9.3 All the proposed SuDS will be subject to general ongoing management carried out in response to the conditions at the time. General activities will include, as appropriate:
 - Removal of litter and large items of debris;
 - Clearing/maintenance of any inlet structures, headwalls, etc.;
 - Containment and investigation of any pollution incidents;
 - Monitoring levels of human disturbance (for example public disturbance around new and existing ponds) and taking remedial actions as necessary (such as erection of fencing or signage);
 - Selective removal of surrounding vegetation around the ponds, for example to reduce effects of overhanging scrub dropping leaf litter into the water or causing excessive shading;
 - Management of marginal vegetation around the ponds by cutting once every two years on rotation; and
 - Monitoring of water conditions such as algal blooms.
- 5.9.4 The grassland margins of the SuDS will be managed as per the wildflower grassland tussocky areas as detailed above.
- 5.9.5 Over time, it may be necessary to selectively thin the habitat to ensure no species becomes dominant. Any rubbish and or non-native / invasive plants will be removed by hand and disposed of appropriately.

5.10 Habitat / Landscape Creation Timeframe

5.10.1 All habitats shall be created to a finished standard after completion of the build phase.

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6 Fauna-specific Creation, Management Actions and Installation Time frame

6.1 **Bats**

Creation

6.1.1 To enhance the site's bat roosting opportunities, six bat tubes (Schwegler 1FR or similar) will be installed on a proportion of the new build (see Appendix 1021/LEMP5 for specifications). In addition, ten bat boxes (six Beaumaris Woodstone and four NHBS General Purpose Box) will be installed on suitable retained trees and a pole at the south-east of the site. The bat boxes will be installed in a sunny location, facing either a south-easterly or south-westerly direction, at a height of 3-5m (see Plan 1021/LEMP1 for locations and elevations). Bat boxes will be positioned away from any lighting fixtures so as to not disrupt the potential use of the boxes and should not be located directly above any windows and/or doorways. In addition, care shall be taken to ensure the boxes are not obscured by vegetation.

Management

6.1.2 Integrated bat boxes and woodcrete boxes are rot proof, extremely long lasting and require no specific maintenance or monitoring. Nonetheless, an annual inspection of bat boxes attached to trees will be undertaken to ensure boxes remain secured. These inspections can be conducted at any time of year; however, any adjustments to the bat boxes (e.g. repositioning) shall be undertaken by a suitably qualified ecologist in spring or autumn months when bats are less likely to be significantly disturbed.

6.2 Birds

Creation

- 6.2.1 To increase nesting opportunities for birds within the site, ten boxes comprising five Manthorpe Swift Bricks and five Habibat Sparrow Terrace boxes (or similar will be installed on suitable new buildings within the site (see Appendix 1021/LEMP6 for bird box specifications).
- The bird boxes will be installed facing a north-westerly or north-easterly direction (see Plan 1021/LEMP1 for locations). The integrated bricks shall be installed at a minimum height of 3m so that they are not subject to predation by opportunistic cats or liable to vandalism. Where affixed to new buildings bird boxes shall not be located directly above any windows and/or doorways and care shall be taken to ensure the boxes are not obscured by vegetation.

Management

6.2.3 The bird boxes are rot proof and extremely long-lasting and should not require ongoing maintenance. However, a visual monitoring inspection will be undertaken annually from the ground by the Management Agency to ensure bird boxes located within areas of public open space remain intact and identify the need to repair or replace any boxes. Any works to bird boxes shall be undertaken in the autumn/winter months (i.e. outside 31st March to 1st August).

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6.3 **Hedgehog**

Creation

6.3.1 A total of three Hedgehog nesting domes (see Appendix 1021/LEMP7 for specifications) will be installed in suitable locations in the centre and south-east of the site to provide new opportunities for nesting and hibernating Hedgehog (a Priority Species). Hedgehog domes shall be positioned in discrete locations in areas of dense vegetation, outside of direct sunlight and away from any major roads (see Plan 1021/LEMP1 for locations). In addition, to maintain connectivity throughout the site for Hedgehog and to allow access to suitable foraging habitat contained within residential gardens, small holes (minimum 13cmx13cm) shall be created within garden fences or under gates.

Management

6.3.2 Hedgehog domes are extremely long lasting and require no specific maintenance. An annual monitoring inspection will be undertaken however to identify the need to repair or replace any Hedgehog nest domes, as necessary.

6.4 Reptiles and Amphibians

Creation

6.4.1 The new wildflower grassland, native shrub planting and SuDS ponds will provide enhanced habitat for reptiles and amphibians on-site. In addition, two hibernacula and two log piles will be installed within the wildflower grassland and retained woodland to provide additional refuge opportunities for reptiles and amphibians (see Appendix 1021/LEMP8 for specifications).

Management

6.4.2 Hibernacula and log piles are long lasting in nature and their gradual decay is important to ensure they continue to provide benefits to a range of faunal species. As such, they should not require ongoing maintenance. Nonetheless, arisings from ongoing management within the site can be used to restock these, as needed.

6.5 **Invertebrates**

Creation

- A total of four invertebrate boxes will be erected onto retained trees within the site (see Plan 1021/LEMP1 for locations). Invertebrate boxes will provide additional opportunities for nesting and hibernating insects, including solitary bees and ladybirds (see Appendix 1021/LEMP9 for example specifications). So as to maximise their potential use invertebrate boxes shall be positioned in sheltered, wind free areas, where they are exposed to the sun for part of the day, facing either a southerly, south-easterly or south-westerly direction. The invertebrate boxes shall be unobstructed by vegetation, though within close vicinity of nectar and pollen sources.
- 6.5.2 In addition, two partially buried log piles will be created from cut material extracted from recent scrub clearance on-site (see Appendix 1021/LEMP10 for specifications). The provision of deadwood habitat will provide additional suitable habitat for saproxylic invertebrates.

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Management

Invertebrate boxes are extremely long lasting and require no specific maintenance. Buried log piles are long lasting in nature and their gradual decay is important to ensure they continue provide benefits to a range of faunal species. As such, they should not require ongoing maintenance. Nonetheless, arisings from ongoing management within the site can be used to restock these, as needed.

6.6 Fauna-specific Habitat Installation Timeframe

6.6.1 All bat and bird boxes will be installed on trees within a 12-month timeframe following commencement of construction. The bat and bird boxes incorporated with in the new build and the Hedgehog cut outs in garden fences will be installed at an appropriate point during the construction. The remaining measures for amphibians, reptiles, Hedgehog and invertebrates will be installed within a 12 months of construction commencement.

6.7 **General Maintenance**

- 6.7.1 All landscape maintenance operations, where they do not conflict with ecological operations, will be conducted in accordance with BS 4428:1989 'Code of practice for general landscape operations' (excluding hard surfaces). Ongoing landscape maintenance operations are to be in accordance with sound ecological principles, and where relevant in accordance with BS 7370-4:1993 'Grounds Maintenance Recommendations for maintenance of soft landscape' (excluding the amenity grassland).
- 6.7.2 Upon practical completion of each landscape area, Bloor Homes South Midlands will hand over to an appointed management agency who will remain responsible for the general maintenance of all landscaped areas during the aftercare period. The aftercare period shall cover the defects liability period for which Bloor Homes South Midlands remains liable for any failures and necessary replanting.
- 6.7.3 The management agency shall eradicate weed growth of planted areas either by manual, mechanical or chemical means. Perennial weeds may be treated with glyphosate or other similar approved product. The management agency will apply the herbicide in strict accordance with the relevant best practice guidance (e.g. DEFRA Pesticides: Code of practice for using plant protection products 2006), during suitable weather conditions. All relevant Acts of Parliament and the manufacturer's instructions must be followed and containers and other contaminated equipment must be cleared from the site after each day's work.
- 6.7.4 During routine maintenance visits, the management agency shall:
 - Check all plants for damage, security, firmness, fixing and support, and replant in an upright position and re-firm if required;
 - Keep all planting areas free from weed growth and hoe over and level all cultivated areas and remove weeds to tip, reinstating mulch as necessary;
 - Remove encroaching scrub growth from wildflower grassland areas;
 - Re-fix displaced, ease where necessary, or replace where damaged, tree ties and tree and shrub shelters; and
 - Remove any litter or surplus discarded materials from the above within planted areas.

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- 6.7.5 At the end of each growing season, an inspection of all planting areas shall be carried out by the management agency to identify plants that have died or are failing to thrive or, in the opinion of the management agency are likely to die or fail to thrive. The management agency is responsible for the health and establishment of all plants, and therefore should ensure the appropriate amount of fertiliser is applied, and if necessary, carry out a scientific soil survey to ascertain the level of nutrients. Any dead plants shall be removed from the site; replacement plant material shall be of the same size and species as specified in the contract.
- 6.7.6 Replacement planting shall be carried out by the management agency in the planting season following the discovery of the defect.
- 6.7.7 The areas of wildflower grassland will require careful management to promote and maintain their ecological value. The management agency shall be responsible for the cutting regime noted within this Document.
- 6.7.8 Watering shall be carried out to field capacity during periods of drought during the aftercare period.
- 6.7.9 Any waste created as part of the general or habitat specific landscape management operations will either be incorporated into log piles within the site, disposed of appropriately off-site or composted on-site. The disposal of waste will be conducted as appropriately decided by the management agency at the time of works.

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7 Management and Monitoring

7.1 Responsibilities and Funding

- 7.1.1 Bloor Homes South Midlands will be responsible for the implementation of the initial habitat creation and maintenance. Following completion, Bloor Homes South Midlands will hand over the management of the site to an appointed management agency, who will implement the ongoing management prescriptions during the operational phase.
- 7.1.2 The management prescriptions detailed within this report will be implemented during the first 10 years following completion of the development. Thereafter the management will be reviewed by the landscape contractor or management company and adjusted as necessary.
- 7.1.3 The management agency will be financed through an annual service charge paid by the residents of the new development.

7.2 **Monitoring**

7.2.1 Long-term monitoring of the newly established habitats will be undertaken following establishment, to evaluate progress and to ensure appropriate management is being implemented at the site. Regular / routine monitoring of these areas will be undertaken by the contractor, to ensure the habitats are developing as expected. Where further mowing of the wildflower grassland is required (if competitive grasses become dominant) this shall be addressed as appropriate.

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Plan 1021/LEMP1:

Landscaping and Faunal Enhancements



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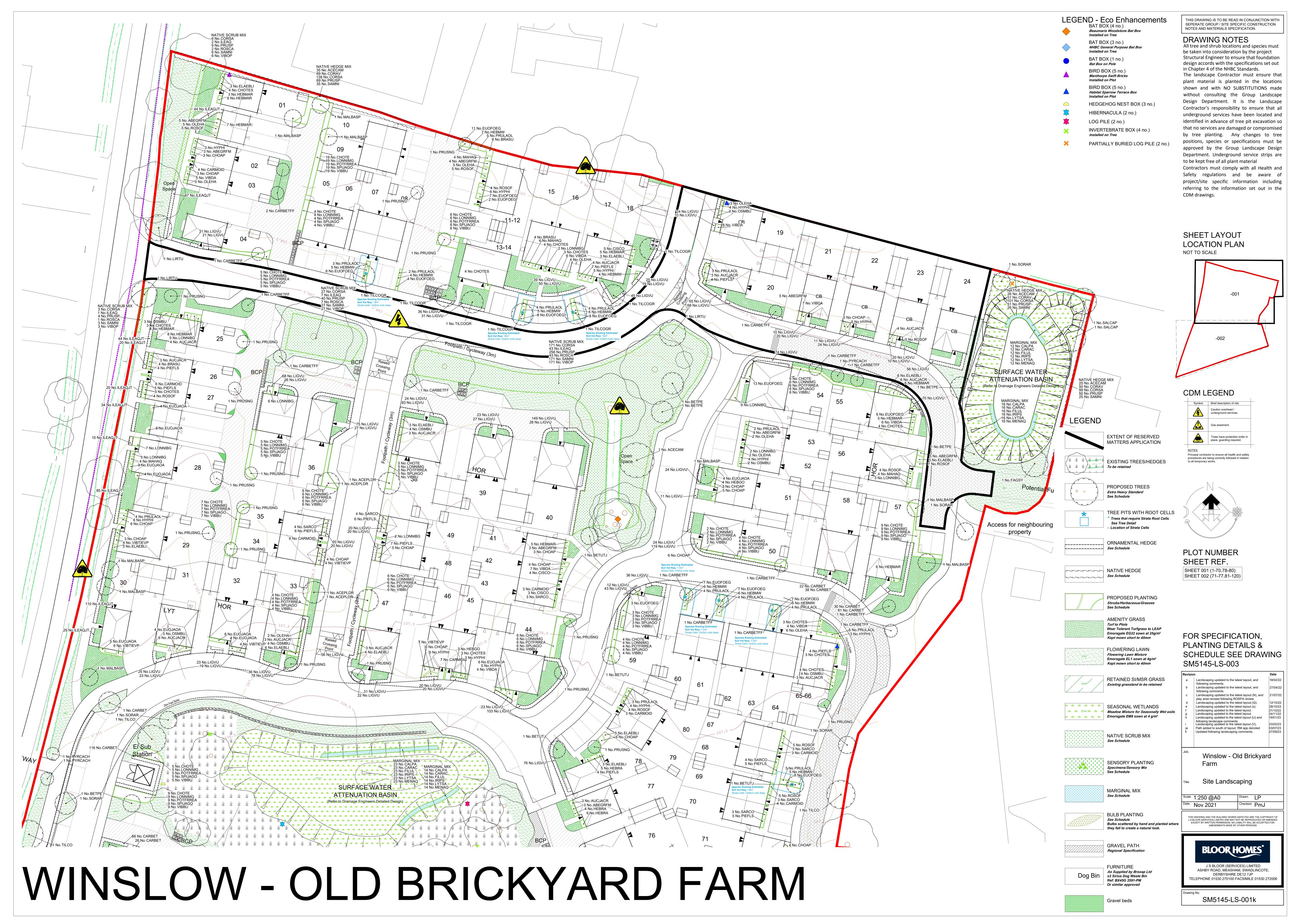
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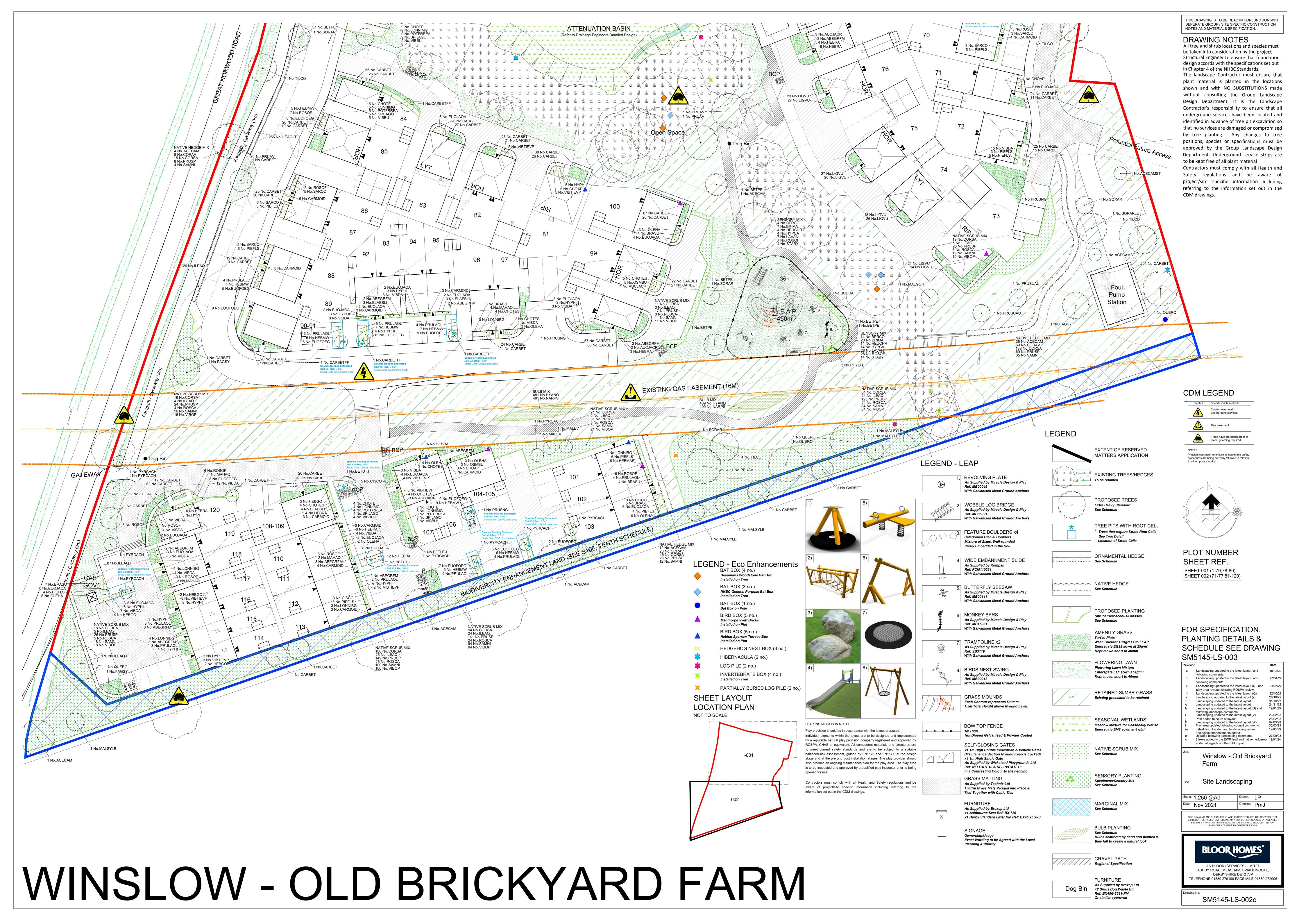
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Appendix 1021/LEMP1:

Soft Landscaping Proposals







Appendix 1021/LEMP2:

Site Landscaping Specification and Schedule

SPECIFICATION

- Applies to all landscape operations.

1.1 Preliminaries

Health and Safety considerations are as the Bloor Homes Trade Specifications.

The following specification is in-line with the Trades Specification, however where there are specific requirements, these notes take precedence over the general guidance outlined within the Trade Specification

The Site Manager should possess and distribute information to the relevant contractors regarding all underground services, engineering, drainage, lighting and ecological constraints and current proposed landscaping prior to external works and landscaping operations Tree and hedgerow protection, subsoil cultivation, topsoiling and levelling/grading operations outlined below are the responsibility of the Site Agent unless stated otherwise.

Trees in hard surfaces will require engineered tree pits which will require construction when surfaces and service routes are being installed. Reference should be made to the appropriate tree pit detail drawing provided by the engineers and on the landscape drawings where applicable. Where tree pits are within 5m of roads and services, and within 3m of other paved surfaces* a linear root barrier is to be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. The barrier should be as near as possible to the surface or service route to be protected to provide as much rooting area as *distances may vary according to requirements.

1.2 Soft Landscaping Considerations

All soft landscaping should be carried out by specialist landscape sub-contractor who is either British Association of Landscape Industries (BALI) accredited or can demonstrate a proven track record. All plants shall conform to the specification details shown on this drawing, which are taken from the National Plant Specification, and must be well rooted, healthy stock. Plants required for hedging or massing must be uniform in every respect.

Plants must be in accordance with the relevant section of the current BS 3936 Nursey Stock Specification, and trees to the most current BS 8545 Trees: From Nursery to Independence in the Landscape. Supplying nurseries shall be registered under the HTA Nursery Certification Scheme.

All plants shall be packed, transported and handled in accordance with the Code of Practice for Plant Handling as produced by the Committee for Plant Supply and Establishment (CPSE) and handling of trees to the most current BS 8545. Any variance from the specification stated on each landscape drawing may result in a request to replace planting, at the contractors expense.

1.3 Tendering and Implementation Landscape Contractors are required to tender and implement as per the schedule and specification.

It is recognised that there are seasonal variations in plant availability and so it may be necessary for plant specifications to be revised. However any substitutions should be with a suitable alternative of comparable size to meet the schedule requirements, and should be approved by the Bloor Homes Landscape

All landscape implementation will be audited. Plant material not approved will be rejected and replaced at the Landscape Contractor's own expense, as stated in 1.2. The site should be found in a condition as described in the Ground Workers' Trade Specification document which includes the removal of all builder's debris and the hardcore base set for scaffolding.

2 RETENTION OF EXISTING TREES AND HEDGEROWS

Precautions must be taken to ensure that trees and hedges shown for retention remain undisturbed with roots and branches protected with robust barriers in accordance with the most current BS 5837 Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction. Any tree surgery work should be in accordance with the most current BS 3998 Recommendation for Tree Work and must comply with any Conservation Area, Tree Preservation Orders or specific planning conditions where appropriate

Reference must be made to Tree Protection Drawings. 3 PRE-PLANTING AND PRE-TURFING GROUND PREPARATION (Groundworking)

Prior to any topsoiling all subsoil should be thoroughly 'ripped' to relieve compaction using suitable machinery, or by hand in confined areas or in proximity to existing tree roots to a depth of 150mm

3.2 Imported and Stored Topsoil Wherever possible store and re-spread existing topsoil to POS areas to encourage re-generation of localised native species.

Topsoil, all topsoiling and soil storage operations are to be carried out in accordance with the current BS 3882 Specification for Topsoil. Topsoil spreading should be cleared of all extraneous matter such as perennial weeds, plastic, wood, metal and stones greater than 50mm in any dimension which should be removed from site to a licensing facility.

Minimum depths of topsoil after firming and of subsoil cultivation to be achieved: Topsoil Depth Depth of subsoil to be broken up

Planted areas* Grass Areas 150mm Rear Gardens 150mm

* Remove extraneous matter within cultivated subsoil above 75mm in any dimension

In final grading operations finished soil levels adjacent to buildings are to be 150mm below damp proof course. For planted areas where 75mm depth bark mulch is specified the soil should be graded down towards adjacent paved or grass surfaces to 90mm below the paving or grass. This allows for full depth of bark mulch with 15mm clearance. For turfed areas final soil levels should be 10mm above the adjacent paving ready to receive the turf and for seeded areas at least 30mm above.

Only where necessary, because significant weed growth has started to establish, treat existing weeds with a non-residual based, herbicide and allow a suitable period as recommended by the manufacturer for this to take effect. Herbicide should be used strictly in accordance with The Pesticides Act 1999 (or otherwise updated/superseded legislation), according to manufacturer's instructions and only by qualified staff. Use products that are approved by the Soil Association. Remove small amounts of weed growth within shrub beds by hand at time of planting.

4 PLANTING

4.1 Ground Preparation Planting shall not be carried out when the ground is waterlogged, frost-bound or during periods of cold drying winds

All planting, seeding and turfing operations are to be in accordance with latest BS 4428 Code of Practice for General Landscape Operations. A general purpose organic slow release fertilizer at the rate of $100g/m^2$ is to be incorporated into the top 150mm of topsoil during final cultivations.

Shrubs and hedges are to be set out as shown on the drawing at the specified densities and centres. The operatives carrying out the works should be able to interpret drawings, set out landscaping areas and communicate any discrepancies with our Site Manager.

Ornamental hedges are to be planted in a single row unless otherwise stated. Trees are to be planted in the positions shown on the drawing ensuring that they are at the correct distances from adjacent buildings and 1.5m from drainage run

It is imperative that trees are planted with the correct species and location as specified in the drawings in accordance with the NHBC Standards Chapter 4.2, or the LABC Standards, whichever is applicable.

It is the contractor's responsibility to ensure that all underground services have been located and identified in advance of tree pit excavation to avoid damage to any underground services or cables.

Bare rooted and root balled stock to be planted between mid-November and end-February. Planting pit sizes should be relative to the container size or root ball of the plant and shall be sufficiently large enough to accommodate the plants without root damage and to allow for backfill of topsoil and planting compost.

All ornamental hedgerow/ boundary plants are to be 'topped' cut to form a level hedge across each section of new hedging.

Plants are to be pit planted into the prepared soil incorporating peat free tree and shrub compost in quantities shown below, and firmed in. Quantities of peat free tree and shrub planting compost:

2-3L Shrubs and Herbaceous 3 Litres

5-10L Shrubs 25L Specimens 10 Litres

20 Litres plus 100g/m² organic slow release

fertiliser and 150ml mycorrhizal dressing such as 'Rootgrow'

All trees and shrubs are to be watered thoroughly, to full ground capacity, immediately after planting and before the application of mulch. The landscape contractor shall allow for provision of all equipment to complete this initial watering, using water supply point as directed on site

Tree planting operations should be in accordance with part 10 of the current BS 8545 Trees from Nursery to Independence in the Landscape. Tree pits are to be excavated to a minimum of 1m X 1m X 600mm with the sides well scarified to prevent smearing, the base of tree pits are to remain undisturbed and should only be broken up if there is a drainage problem and/or soil pan. If conditions make drainage necessary this should be provided away

from the tree, with the base of the pit sloped to direct water into a drainage pipe. Backfill of tree pits should be in layers of 150mm at a time starting with subsoil followed by layers of topsoil with compost etc. as shown above.

Root flare of the newly planted tree should be clearly visible at the soil surface. It should not be buried by excess soil or by mulch.

Ensure trees in hard surfaces and in restricted areas are planted in accordance with the appropriate tree planting detail with sufficient volumes of tree soil. All trees are to be watered thoroughly, immediately after planting. The landscape contractor shall allow for provision of all equipment to complete this initial watering, using water supply point as directed on site.

Each tree is to receive at least 30 gallons when watered.

All heavy standard trees shall be double staked with 100mm diameter stakes and a half-round timber cross-brace fitted to the windward side of the tree within 25mm of the top of the stakes ensuring that the tree is vertical and straight.

Stakes are to be securely driven into the ground prior to planting to a height above ground that is one third of the tree when planted to allow free movement of the crown. Secure street trees to cross-brace with an adjustable plastic / rubber tie with spacer and buckle (buckle end to Secure POS trees with a bio-degradable hessian tree tie, wrapping the material round itself to form a spacer and nailing it to the stake or cross-brace

Each tree should be fitted with a tree irrigation/aeration system unit fitted to fully surround the root ball in accordance with the details. Refer to specific tree planting details Linear root barriers where required should be installed as near to the surface or service route to be protected as possible. Ensure that there are no sharp objects close to either side of the barrier and that the top edge of the root barrier remains 10mm

above the surface on the tree side with no growing medium over the top of the barrier. Overlapping ends should be joined by taping both sides with jointing tape.

All trees and shrubs are to be watered thoroughly, to full ground capacity, immediately after planting and before the application of mulch. The landscape contractor shall allow for provision of all equipment to complete this initial watering, using water supply point as directed on site. Ensure the area to be mulched is entirely free from annual and perennial weeds and has been watered prior to applying an even spread of mulch to planting areas to control weeds and retain moisture.

Unless instructed otherwise apply good quality bark mulch to a depth of 75mm to planting beds, hedgerows and tree stations. Where stone mulch is requested by the regional office apply 40mm of stone over Plantex Geotextile membrane or equivalent pegging down with metal pegs.

clear plastic spiral rabbit guard secured to a bamboo cane support. Any container grown or root balled plants are to be fitted with a suitable tree shelter secured to stake

Finished soil levels adjacent to buildings are to be 150mm below damp proof course. For planted areas where 75mm depth bark mulch is specified the soil should be graded down to adjacent paved or grass surfaces to 90mm below the paving or grass. This allows for full depth of bark mulch with 15mm

Where 40mm depth stone mulch is specified with geo-textile membrane grade to 55mm below paving or grass within 500mm. Finished mulch levels should be no higher than 15mm below adjacent pavement or grass levels to avoid any spillages.

Bare root plants are to be notch planted, ensuring the notch is to be closed and the soil well firmed around the roots. Any container grown or root balled plants are to be pit planted. All stock is to be fitted with a 60cm minimum size clear plastic

spiral rabbit guard secured to a bamboo cane, or with a tree shelter secured to a stake as appropriate. 4.8 Native Hedge Planting

Hedges are to be trench planted in a trench 450mm wide X 300mm deep planting in a double staggered row at 330mm centres with 300mm between rows, backfilling with the excavated material incorporated with a general purpose slow release fertilizer at a rate of 100gm/m². Each plant is to be fitted with a

5 GRASS

The area to be turfed shall be cultivated to a minimum depth of 150mm removing all weeds, debris and stones over 25mm diameter which should be placed in waste skips provided or as directed by the site manager. The surface shall be raked to smooth flowing contours with a fine tilth, incorporating pre-turfing fertiliser at 50 g/m².

Turf shall be supplied in accordance with the most current BS 3969 Recommendations for Turf for General Purposes

Turf shall be cultivated high grade turf well rooted seeded turf free from stones, weeds and course grasses. It shall be close textured, green in colour and be sufficiently fibrous to withstand handling. Turf rolls shall be regular in shape, 300mm wide and of uniform thickness (minimum 25mm). The grass shall be

Turf shall be stacked in piles of up to 1 metre. It shall not be laid in frosty or waterlogged conditions and shall not be stacked in rolls for more than three days. Any turf deemed to be substandard shall be replaced at the landscape sub-contractors cost.

Turfing operations shall be in accordance with the most current BS 4428.

Turf should be laid when weather conditions are suitable and not during exceptionally frosty or dry weather conditions. Turf is to be laid with staggered joints, well butted together, and in firm contact with the soil working from planks positioned on turves already laid. At no time should freshly laid turf be walked on without the use of boards.

The turf shall be watered immediately on completion. The landscape contractor shall allow for provision of all equipment to complete this initial watering, using water supply point as directed on site.

Any unevenness shall be made good by lifting the turf and adjusting the levels. Should shrinkage occur, fine topsoil shall be brushed into the joints. Where trees are planted in turfed areas a 750mm diameter circle around each tree is to be kept clear of turf.

The area to be seeded shall be cultivated to a minimum depth of 150mm removing all weeds, debris and stones over 25mm diameter which should be placed in waste skips or as directed by the site manager. The surface shall be raked to smooth flowing contours with a fine tilth, incorporating pre-seeding fertiliser at 50 g/m² unless otherwise stated and work into top 50mm during final cultivation

All Grass seed shall be sown in March / April or September during calm weather conditions and not when the ground is frost bound or waterlogged. Seed shall be sown in two equal sowings in traverse directions at 35g/m² total unless otherwise stated. After sowing the contractor shall lightly rake the seed into

All wildflower seed mixes are to be from a certified source with local provenance seed stock. Ground preparation to be as supplier's specification/ guidance. Sowing applications may vary but are likely to be carried out in early spring or late autumn.

6 MAINTENANCE The landscape contractor shall maintain all none private landscape areas for a period of 12 months following practical completion to ensure successful establishment. All stock deemed to be dead, dying or diseased within the 12 months defects period shall be replaced by the contractor at own cost.

The contractor should factor in 12 months of repeat visits, sufficient for the establishment and aftercare of all planting. None private areas can be identified for each site. Private plot landscaping will be handed over to the householders as and when each house is occupied, the site will be responsible for watering until handover

6.1 Weed Clearance

All planting areas are to be kept weed free by hand weeding unless otherwise specified. Providing adequate mulch, as specified, should aid this. Mulch should also be topped up as required.

All hedges are to be clipped to help form hedge to dimensions on drawing/ Management Report. Cut back off pavement & kept to a maximum height of 1.2m unless specified otherwise.

All areas are to be kept litter free

6.3 Watering Watering to planted areas is to be undertaken as necessary to ensure plants become established.

All trees and shrubs are to be watered thoroughly, to full ground capacity, immediately after planting and before the application of mulch. The landscape contractor shall allow for provision of all equipment to complete this initial watering, using water supply point as directed on site. During maintenance visits, watering should take place as required. Watering visits should be factored in within the 12 months defects period, especially during times of prolonged dry weather.

6.4 Checking Ties All tree ties and stakes are to be checked, adjusted (if too loose, too tight or if chaffing is occurring) and replaced if damaged or missing. Any broken stakes are to be replaced.

6.5 Formative Pruning Any damaged shoots/branches are to be pruned back to healthy wood. Plants are to be pruned in accordance with good horticultural practice to maintain healthy well-shaped specimens. Shrubs grown for their coloured stems, such as Cornus, are to be cut back each spring to encourage new growth.

6.6 Turfed and Seeded Areas

When newly turfed & seeded areas reach 50mm they should be lightly rolled and cut to a height of 40mm. All arising's shall be made good at this time. Lawn areas should then be cut at appropriate intervals during the growing season to maintain a 40mm high sward.

Watering, weeding and repair of all erosion and settlement with re-seeding or turfing shall be undertaken as required to establish a uniform and healthy stand of grass.

PLANTING SCHEDULE

Number Abbreviation Species

Buddleja davidii

Phyllostachys flexuosa 150-200cm

- All areas



14-16cm 400-450cm Extra Heavy Standard: 5 brks: 3x: RB: Clear Stem 175-200cm 14-16cm 400-450cm Extra Heavy Standard: 5 brks: 3x: RB: Clear Stem 175-200cm SORAR 14-16cm400-450cmExtra Heavy Standard: 5 brks: 3x: RB: Clear Stem 175-200cm Tilia cordata **NON-NATIVE SPECIMENS**

NATIVE ORNAMENTAL HEDGES - Planted 5/m Abbreviation Species Diameter Pot Size Density Specification 1+1: Transplant - seed raised: Branched: 5 Brks: (Carpinus betulus Ilex aquifolium 'J.C. van Tol' 40-60cm 5/m Leader with Laterals: 0 Ligustrum vulgare 5/m Branched: 4 brks: C Total:4942 -

Diameter Pot Size Specification

Branched: 4 brks: C

Several Shoots: 10 brks: C

Branched: 5 brks: 0

1+1: Transplant - seed raised: Branched: 2 brks:

1+1: Transplant - seed raised: Branched: 3 brks: I

1/m² 1+2: Transplant - seed raised: Branched: 3 brks: I

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NON-NATIVE ORNAMENTAL SHRUBS Abelia x grandiflora 'Francis Mason' Aucuba japonica 'Crotonifolia' 40-60cm 2.5/m² Branched: 6 brks: 0 40-60cm Bushy: 6 brks: C Choisva 'Aztec Pearl' 40-60cm Choisya ternata Bushy: 7 brks: (40-60cm Choisya ternata 'Sundance' Bushy: 7 brks: (Cistus x corbariensis Bushy: 6 brks: C :laeagnus x ebbingei 'Limelight' Branched: 4 brks: (uonymus fortunei 'Emerald Gaiety' 25-30cm 30-40cm 5-7.5L 3.5/m² Bushy: 9 brks: C uonymus japonicus 'Ovatus Aureus' 60-80cm Hebe 'Great Orme' 30-40cm Hebe 'Marjorie' Bushy: 7 brks: (40-60cm Hebe 'Mrs Winder' Hebe rakaiensis 2.5/m² Bushy: 7 brks: C Hypericum 'Hidcote' ∟ónicera nitida 'Baggesen's Gold' Bushy: 7 brks: C ∟onicera nitida 'Maigrün' Bushy: 10 brks: 0 40-60cm Branched: 4 brks: (Mahonia aquifolium 40-60cm Olearia x haastii Bushy: 9 brks: C Osmanthus x burkwoodii Pieris 'Flaming Silver' Bushy: 5 brks: C 25-30cm 30-40cm 5-7.5L 2/m² Potentilla fruticosa 'Red Ace' Prunus laurocerasus 'Otto Luvke 40-60cm Rosmarinus officinalis Sarcococca confusa 40-60cm 40-60cm Spiraea japonica 'Goldflame' 30-40cm Bushy: 4 brks: C Viburnum davidii 40-60cm Bushy: 7 brks: C Viburnum tinus 'Eve Price'

60-80cm

NON-NATIVE ORNAMENTAL GRASSES Abbreviation Species Carex morrowii 'Ice Dance' 2L

Viburnum x burkwoodii

Acer campestre 1+1: Transplant - seed raised: Cornus sanguinea 60-80cm 6/m 1+1: Transplant - seed raised: 6/m 1+2: Transplant - seed raised: Branched: 3 brks: Corylus avellana 60-80cm Prunus spinosa 60-80cm 6/m 1+1: Transplant - seed raised: Branched: 2 brks: Sambucus nigra 60-80cm 6/m 1+1: Transplant - seed raised: Branched: 3 brks: B 1+1: Transplant - seed raised: Branched: 3 brks: B Cornus sanguinea 60-80cm 1/m² Leader with Laterals: C Ilex aguifolium 60-80cm

Abbreviation Species Bergenia cordifolia Briza maxima Heuchera 'Chocolate Ruffles' 5/m² Full Pot: 0 5/m² Bushy: 6 brks: Hypericum calycinum Bushý: 5 brks: Bushy: 5 brks: 0 _avandula angustifolia Rosmarinus officinalis

40-60cm

60-80cm

60-80cm

60-80cm

Prunus spinosa

Sambucus nigra &

Viburnum opulus 6

Stachys byzantina

Rosa canina

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Total :177 -

Number Abbreviation Species to be planted together in groups of 5 minimum in nutrient poor soil.

Number Abbreviation Species Pot Size Density Specification

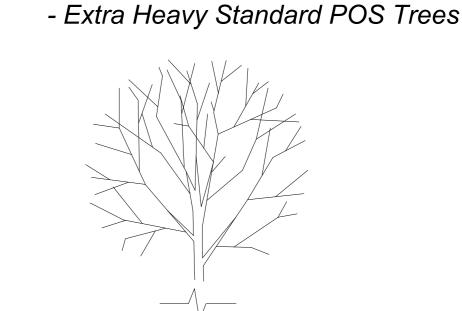
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NATIVE BULB MIX Number Abbreviation Species Hvacinthoides non-scripta Grade 6/7 Narcissus pseudonarcissus Grade 5/6 25/m²

PROPOSED TREE PLANTING DETAIL PROPOSED TREE PLANTING DETAIL

- Extra Heavy Standard Plot Trees



1. 2x Timber tree stake - 100Ø x

Irrigation System - nail to stake

5. Rabbit Mesh Guard 600 mm

Bark Mulch 8-35mm

7. Topsoil, compost and fertiliser

Base of tree pit to remain

* NOTE: Secure at a height no

undisturbed, sides scarified

more than $\frac{1}{3}$ of the total height of

the tree above ground when

with 50mm galvanised nails.

6. Mulch layer - 75mm Ornamental

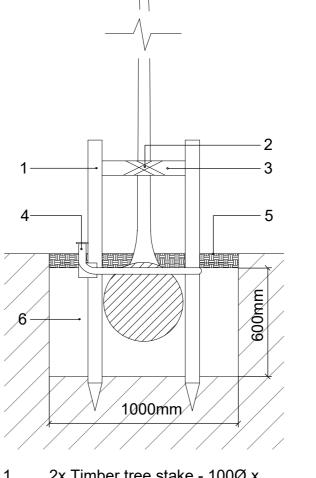
Ensure filler cap finishes slightly

1.8m long (tanalised)

3. FSC Timber cross brace '

above mulch level

2. Hessian Tree Tie



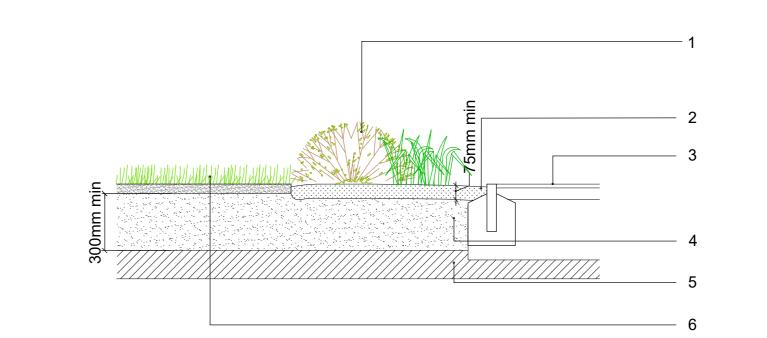
2x Timber tree stake - 100Ø x 1.8m long (tanalised) Adjustable plastic / rubber tie

with spacer and buckle (buckle

- end to be nailed to brace) FSC Timber cross brace * Irrigation System - nail to stake with 50mm galvanised nails. Ensure filler cap finishes slightly above mulch level
- Mulch layer 75mm Ornamental Bark Nuggets 15-65mm Topsoil, compost and fertiliser. Base of tree pit to remain undisturbed, sides scarified
- NOTE: Secure at a height no more than \frac{1}{3} of the total height of the tree above ground when

Where trees are within 5m of roads and services and within 3m of footpaths linear root barrier with root deflecting ribs, is to be installed in accordance with manufacturers instructions. Barrier is to be adjacent to the surface or service route to provide maximum rooting

PROPOSED PLOT PLANTING DETAIL - Shrubs/Herbaceous/Grasses



- MULCH LAYER Ornamental Bark Mulch 8-35mm, 75mm min depth. finished levels 15mm below adjacent surfaces.
- construction layers and depths dependant on finished surface
- 4. TOPSOIL compost and fertiliser - graded down to below 90mm below the paving or grass
- SUBSOIL TURF

THIS SCHEDULE & THESE SPECIFICATIONS APPLY TO LANDSCAPING SHOWN ON DRAWINGS SM5145-LS-001

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THIS DRAWING IS TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH

SEPERATE GROUP / SITE SPECIFIC CONSTRUCTION

NOTES AND MATERIALS SPECIFICATION.





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EXCEPT BY WRITTEN PERMISSION. NO LIABILITY WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR

WINSLOW - OLD BRICKYARD FARM



Appendix 1021/LEMP3:

Emorsgate – General Purpose Meadow Mixture (EM1)

EM1 – BASIC GENERAL PURPOSE MEADOW MIXTURE

Composition

This is a simple meadow mixture suitable for a wide range of soil types. The wildflowers are robust and showy, and the grasses are fine and slow growing.

Wild Flowers

%	6 Latin name Common name	
	Centurea nigra	Common Knapweed
	<u>Daucus carota</u>	Wild Carrot
	Leucanthemum vulgare	Oxeye Daisy - (Moon Daisy)
	<u>Plantago lanceolata</u>	Ribwort Plantain
	Ranunculus acris	Meadow Buttercup
	<u>Vicia cracca</u>	<u>Tufted Vetch</u>

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Grasses

%	Latin name	Common name	
9	Agrostis capillaris	Common Bent	
36	Cynosurus cristatus	<u>Crested Dogstail</u>	
27	<u>Festuca rubra</u>	Red Fescue	
18	<u>Poa pratensis</u>	Smooth-stalked Meadow-grass	

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Sowing Rates

kg/ha	kg/acre	g/m^2
40	16	4



Appendix 1021/LEMP4:

Emorsgate – Pond Edge Mix (EP1)

EP1 – POND EDGE MIXTURE

Composition

Pond edge mixture EP1 contains wild flowers and grasses suitable for sowing at the wet margins of ponds, streams and ditches.

Wild Flowers

%	Latin name	Common name
	Achillea millefolium – Yarrow	Yarrow
	Agrimonia eupatoria	Agrimony
	Angelica sylvestris	Wild Angelica
	Centaurea nigra	Common Knapweed
	Chaerophyllum temulum	Rough Chervil
	Cruciata laevipes	Crosswort
	Dipsacus fullonum	Wild Teasel
	Filipendula ulmaria	Meadowsweet
	Galium album - (Galium mollugo)	Hedge Bedstraw
	Galium verum	Lady's Bedstraw
	Leucanthemum vulgare	Oxeye Daisy – (Moon Daisy)
	Lythrum salicaria	Purple Loosestrife
	Malva moschata	Musk Mallow
	Plantago lanceolata	Ribwort Plantain
	Rumex acetosa	Common Sorrel
	Silaum silaus	Pepper Saxifrage

Grasses

%	Latin name	Common name
10	Agrostis capillaris	Common Bent
3	Anthoxanthum odoratum	Sweet Vernal-grass
6	Briza media	Quaking Grass
26	Cynosurus cristatus	<u>Crested Dogstail</u>
2	<u>Deschampsia cespitosa</u>	Tufted Hair-grass
28	<u>Festuca rubra</u>	Red Fescue
5	Schedonorus pratensis (Festuca pratensis)	Meadow Fescue

Sowing Rates

kg/ha	kg/acre	g/m^2
40	16	4

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Appendix 1021/LEMP5:

Bat Box Specifications

Bat Boxes

The Beaumaris Bat Box

This bat box is made entirely from Woodstone, a robust material comprising concrete and wood fibres. This means that, not only does the box have excellent insulating properties maintaining a more consistent temperature throughout the year, it also provides excellent protection from predators. The Beaumaris box has a single narrow cavity which makes it suitable for crevice roosting bats such as the common pipistrelle, soprano pipistrelle, Nathusius' pipistrelle, Brandt's bat and whiskered bat. The interior of the box has a rough surface for bats to cling to and the front of the box features a subtle but attractive imprint of a bat in flight.

Suitable for attaching to external walls and should be sited as high up on the façade as possible, at a height of at least 3m from the ground. Avoid siting underb artificial lights. Bats prefer to change roosts to benefit from varying ambient temperatures, so bat boxes should ideally be clustered in small groups.





Available in two sizes: the Midi and the Maxi.

Specification

Midi: Height: 39cm, Width: 29cm, Depth: 6cm, Weight: 4.4kg

Maxi: Height: 50cm, Width: 38cm, Depth: 7cm, Weight: 8kg



General Purpose Wood Concrete Bat Box



About this product

The General Purpose Wood Concrete Bat Box is a tree mounted bat box designed to suit crevice and cavity dwelling bat species in the UK. It is constructed from wood concrete which is a mix of wood fibres and concrete which makes the box very durable and long-lasting. This material is also breathable reducing the risk of condensation issues within the box and offering a more thermally stable climate for rossting bats. It features two entrances, one on the bottom of the box which allows bats to crawl into the box from a tree, and one on the front which offers a clear flight path for bats. The entrance hole on the base of the box also allows the box to be self cleaning, reducing the maintenance required. The internal chamber is divided into two chambers, which can help with excluding small predators, and it features a domed roof to allow bats to form roosting clusters for warmth.

The box is supplied with a galvanised steel hanger to aid with mounting the box onto a tree.

Specification

Outer Dimensions: 36cm height x 18cm diameter Inner Dimensions: 31cm height x 11cm diameter

Weight: 4.5kg

Material: Wood concrete

Colour: Black

Supplied with: Galvanised steel hanger



Appendix 1021/LEMP6:

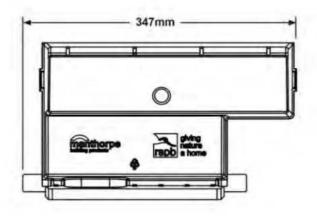
Bird Box Specifications

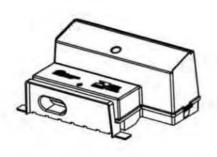
Manthorpe Swift Box

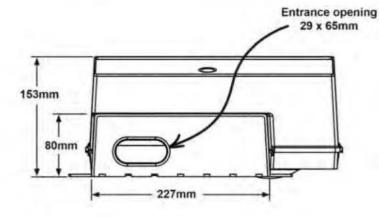
The design of this box enables it to be incorporated within the brickwork whilst the visible part of the nest box takes the space of a single brick. The entrance hole should be positioned at least 5m above the ground and sited to ensure unobstructed access for birds entering or leaving the box. Available in a range of colours to match the surrounding masonry.

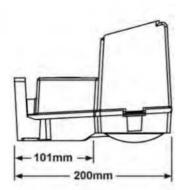










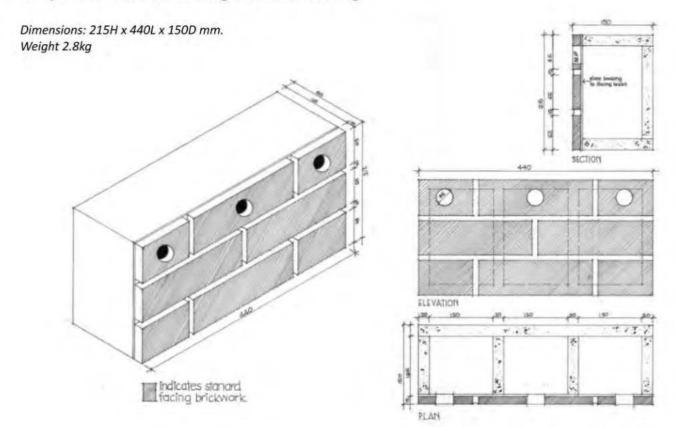




Bird Boxes

Habibat Terraced Sparrow Nest Box

A terraced bird box with three chambers designed specifically for Sparrows which can be integrated into a building.







Appendix 1021/LEMP7:

Hedgehog Dome and Cut-out Specifications

Hedgehog Dome

Hedgehog Dome

Schwegler Hedgehog Domes are made from 'Woodcrete'. This 75% wood sawdust, clay and concrete mixture which is breathable and very durable makes this dome extremely long lasting and durable.

Hedgehogs usually construct nesting places in hollow tree stumps, piles of wood, dense vegetation and piles of leaves, all of which are becoming more and more scarce within the Hedgehogs natural range. The Schwegler Hedgehog Dome will provide ideal year round and hibernation accommodation for this species, which is listed as a UK BAP priority species, especially when filled with suitable bedding material such as dry leaves, newspaper or wood shavings.

<u>Placement:</u> Ideally the dome should be placed somewhere protected from wind and rain.

<u>Specification:</u> Interior circumference 44cm height, Exterior circumference 50cm, 28cm height. Entrance 11x12 cm, Weight 17kg



Hedgehog Dome



Hedgehog Dome - Occupied

Hedgehog cut-outs



Cut outs will be located at the base of garden fences to enable Hedgehogs to move freely between gardens. Gaps will be a minimum of 15cm high and 15cm wide.





Alternatively, specifically designed gravel boards are available from a variety of suppliers.





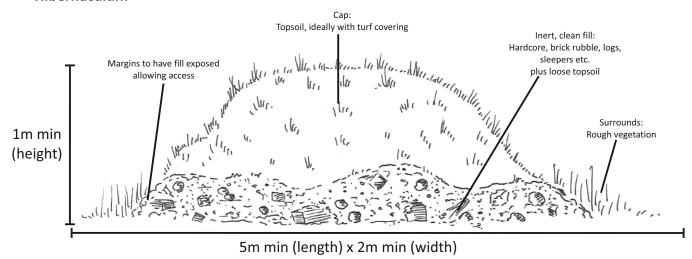


Appendix 1021/LEMP8:

Hibernacula / Log Pile Specifications

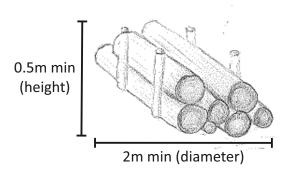
Hibernacula and Log Pile

Hibernaculum



The design mimics artificial and natural conditions in which amphibians and reptiles have frequently been found over-wintering. Dimensions should not be below 5m length x 2m width x 1m height. The above illustrated design would be suitable for locating on an impermeable substrate. On free-draining substrates, the design is largely similar but the bulk of the fill is sited in an excavated depression in the ground. Hibernacula should ideally be positioned in suitable terrestrial habitat for newts and outside the normal winter extent of the breeding pond.

Log Pile (refugia)



Refugia are designed to provide sheltering opportunities for amphibians and reptiles. Dimensions should not be below 2m in diameter x 0.5m height. Refugia can be created from wood or brash piles, and should ideally be positioned across a site, both close to and distant from breeding ponds, in suitable terrestrial habitat.

The wood pile illustrated above is created by sinking 4 posts approximately 8-10cm in diameter, at least 20cm into the ground. Logs with bark, of any diameter, should be cut into consistent lengths of 2m and then tightly and nearly stacked into the space between the uprights. The log piles should not be made too high, or the timber may dry out.





Appendix 1021/LEMP9:

Invertebrate Boxes

Insect Boxes

Bug Box

A dual insect habitat which can be hung from trees or man made structures near ponds or scented plants, to provide an overwintering habitat for ladybirds and a nesting site for solitary bees.

Dimensions: 14 x 20 x 9cm





Wooden Insect House

A good general insect habitat for beneficial insects in summer and, later in the year, overwintering ladybirds and lacewings. Site in a sheltered place near pollen / nectar plants or by pond.

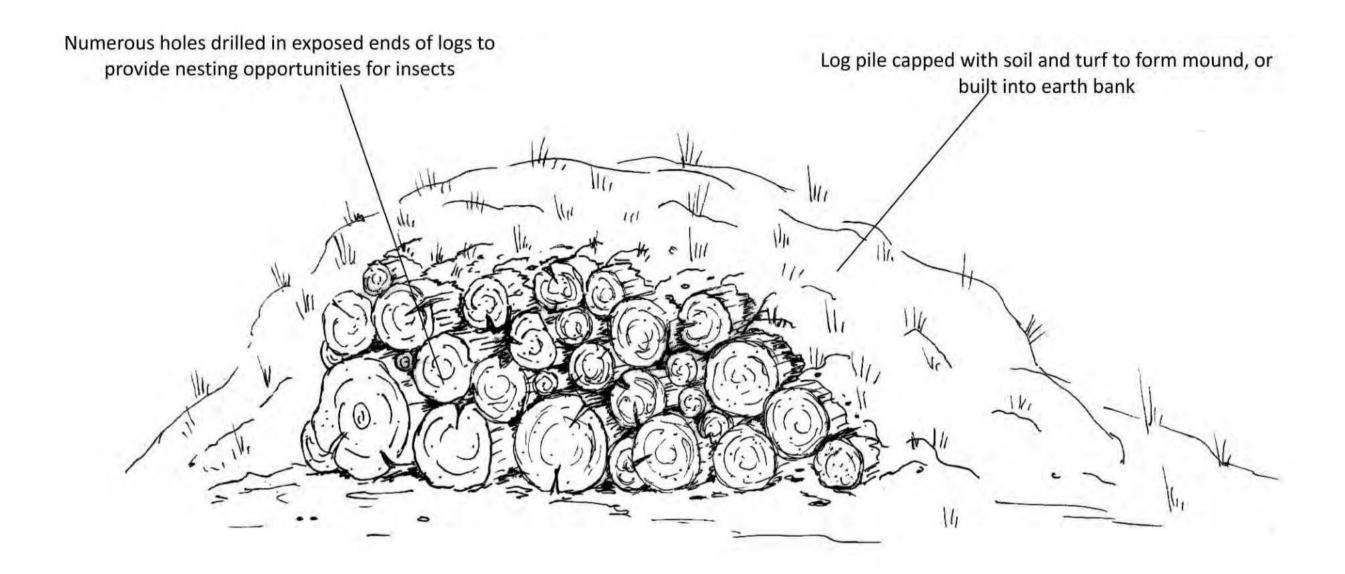
Durable and strong construction in Acacia / Oak / Larch with no maintenance necessary.

Dimensions: 22 x 13.5 x 13.5cm



Appendix 1021/LEMP10:

Partially Buried Log Piles



Partially buried log piles will be created to provide additional invertebrate habitat. These will be positioned within banks or to form mounds, with numerous holes drilled in the exposed ends of the logs, providing opportunities for invertebrate species such as solitary bees and wasps. The log piles will also form habitat for saproxylic insects (associated with dead wood) and a refuge for small mammal, amphibian and reptile species.

Materials used for construction of the hibernacula will be obtained from site where possible, including logs from vegetation clearance.



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