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Planting and Maintenance schedule for first 5 years

This method statement refers to the proposed works at:
Land at 6 Lacknut Cottages, Wrotham Rd, Culverstone. DA13 0RG

To be read on conjunction with the following drawings:
20014-C-260 Hard and Soft Landscaping Plan

PLANTING: TREES

Planting of newly proposed trees can be undertaken any time of the year

TREE STAKES: 75mm minimum diameter, free of bark, with one end pointed.

STAKING FOR BAREROOT AND BAGGED TREES: Drive stake upright 600mm into bottom of excavated planting pit before planting, close to the tree stem on the windward side. Cut off at 600mm above ground and secure tree with ties and spacers at the top of the stake.

STAKING FOR ROOTBALLED AND CONTAINER TREES: Drive 2 stakes upright 600mm into bottom of excavated planting pit 600mm apart, before planting, either side of the rootball in line with the prevailing wind. Cut off at 600mm high above ground level and after planting secure tree with loops of webbing secured at the top of the stake to hold the tree vertical.

TREE PIT PREPARATION

To pits, topsoiled, shortly before planting:
incorporate organic matter to a maximum depth of 250mm;
incorporate fertiliser at the planting area at a rate of 70g/m² into topsoil

PRUNING:

Remove the lateral shoots to maintain a clear trunk and prune any diseased or damaged branches.

WATERING:

Saturate the root ball of container grown and rootballed plants before planting.
Water thoroughly immediately after planting and at intervals as necessary in the first two growing seasons.

MAINTENANCE OF TREES

Keep the ground weed free. Regular watering of trees to continue, during dry periods, for two growing seasons to ensure full establishment. Pruning to be carried out in the relevant season (In late summer to mid-winter). Birch trees bleed heavily at all other times of the year, especially late winter.

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PLANTING: SHRUBS

Shrub planting can be any time of the year.

PREPARATION FOR PLANTING:

Apply herbicide if required.

Rotovate ground to a minimum of 250mm deep and remove stones over 50mm in any dimension.

Remove existing unwanted plants including their roots.

ORGANIC MATTER: apply and lightly dig into the surface of planting areas one of the following to be agreed:

Well-rotted farmyard manure at a rate of 5kg/m². Composted green waste complying with BSI PAS 100 from an agreed supplier at supplier's suggested rate

FERTILISER: incorporate bonemeal:

in planting areas at the rate of 70gm/m² into the topsoil

PREPARATION OF PLANTS:

Remove inorganic containers.

Check for and reject any damaged, diseased, poorly rooted pest infested, wrongly identified plants, or plants not complying with all the requirements of the plant list (unless previously agreed)

Carefully prune any minor root damage.

PLANT :

in previously prepared pits and planting areas

in position shown on the drawings or in the absence of drawings space evenly;

excavate holes at least 75mm below the root system;

set plants so that their original soil level matches the new surrounding ground and with their best side displayed.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER PLANTING:

Lightly prune back any damaged or malformed growth.

Rake soil to an even, fine tilth to the required levels.

FURTHER MAINTENANCE

PLANT FAILURES: all plants, including trees, which fail to thrive within 5 years, shall be replaced with the same species to match the size of adjacent plants of the same species at the next suitable planting season.

MAINTENANCE OF SHRUBS

Keep the ground weed free. Regular watering of plants to continue, during dry periods, for two growing seasons to ensure full establishment. Pruning to be carried out in the relevant seasons, see maintenance schedule below.

FERTILISER

Add a slow-release general purpose fertiliser in spring.

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LAWN

PREPARATION FOR TURFING:

Remove all weeds, rubbish and stones over 30mm in any dimension.

Cultivate topsoil to a minimum depth of 100mm.

Reduce top 30mm to a fine tilth and on clay or heavy loam soils work in 50% of coarse sharp sand to produce a 60mm layer.

FERTILISER:

Dress areas to be turfed with N7:P7:K7 fertiliser at a rate of 50g/m². Work into the top 30mm of tilth 7 days before turfing and water in well.

LAYING TURF:

Transport turf over close butted timber planks.

Lay turf in consecutive rows.

Lay turf from timber planks protecting previously laid turf.

Lay turf close butted breaking the joint in alternate rows.

Use only whole turves at margins.

Consolidate lightly with wooden beaters.

Brush in finely sieved topsoil to fill all joints.

Peg turfs with wooden pegs on slopes exceeding 30°.

Ensure final surface is 20mm above any adjacent hard surface.

TURFING ADJACENT TO OBSTRUCTIONS

Leave a neat 300mm radius of soil round all newly planted trees.

Unless otherwise shown on the drawing, turf right up to existing established trees, walls, fences and similar obstructions, leaving no soil uncovered.

MAINTENANCE OF NEW TURF:

Spread and brush in a top dressing of fine sieved topsoil and sand 50:50 to fill cracks and depressions.

FURTHER MAINTENANCE

Apply a selective herbicide (if required in accordance with specification clause A540) the following spring in early April.

Apply a N15:P5:K5 fertiliser the following spring in late April.

Water using a fine spray whenever required to ensure continuing healthy growth.

GRASS CUTTING:

When the grass is between 50 and 75mm high, clear surface debris and make a first cut with a sharp cylinder mower with a fitted grass box to reduce the grass to 40mm. Dispose of all grass cuttings to an agreed location. Thereafter maintain the grass so that it is never longer than 50mm or shorter than 30mm by mowing at intervals

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MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

TREE PRUNING:

Betula utilis 'Magical Globe':

Simply remove the lateral shoots to maintain a clear trunk and prune any diseased or damaged branches. Pruning should be carried out in late summer to mid-winter. Birch trees bleed heavily at all other times of the year, especially late winter.

SHRUB PRUNING

Photinia x fraseri 'Red Robin'

This species responds well to hard pruning throughout the growing season, but respond to pruning during the most aggressive period of growth. This usually happens about 4-6 weeks after the start of the growing season—for instance, late April or early May if the season starts in late March.

Philadelphus Coronarius 'Mock Orange'

Prun directly after flowering, which will be late in July.

Cut back to good bud and /or remove about a quarter of the old growth. In common with many shrubs, regular pruning removing some of the older growth will promote new growth and better flowering.