

DESIGN NOTES:

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SURFACE WATER: Hard surfacing to comply with Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS) where required and to BS 8002.

PERMISSIONS AND REGULATIONS: Comply with the latest revisions of the Health and Safety at Work Act, the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations, the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015, the Control of Pesticides Regulations, the EU Biocidal Regulations, Plant Protection Products legislation, the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH) and all other relevant Acts, Statutory Instruments, Regulations or Orders. Ensure compliance of permissions, sub-contractors at all other services on site. Provide adequate signage and full risk assessments. Carry out risk assessments and prepare method statements as appropriate. Ensure safe working methods are used.

It is the client's responsibility to apply for all relevant permissions before commencing work on site. This includes but is not limited to Planning permission, Tree Preservation Order, Building Regulation approval and Party Wall Act.

SERVICES: Before starting work locate the exact position of underground and overhead services by making all necessary investigations. No mechanical drilling to take place within 30m of gas or electrical services. Follow the guidance issued by the Utility Authority/Company when working close to underground services.

SOFT LANDSCAPING

The Client will undertake care of the planting and grass after the work is finished.

PLANTED NATIVE SPECIES: Comply with the Invasive Non Native Species National Code of Practice.

GROUNDWORK: To BS 4428 Code of Practice for general landscape operations and BS 8000-1 clause 2.1 - 2.3 for excavation and filling.

- PREPARATION FOR PLANT TREES & SHRUBS:**
- Remove inorganic contaminants.
 - Check plants and root systems. Discard poorly rooted, past infected, wrongly identified plants, or plants not complying with the requirements of the project (see previous approval).
 - Carefully prune any minor root damage.
 - Plant in temporary protective bags and planting area in position shown in the drawings or in the absence of drawings specify exactly at the site supervisor.
 - It holes high enough to allow adequate root spread and release out congested root balls of container grown plants.
 - Excavate holes at least 100mm below the root system.
 - Set plants at their original soil level unless the new surrounding ground and with their best side indicated.
 - The backfill is to be extracted (pre-prepared) soil and evenly worked round the roots and well-watered in leaving the top 50mm of the existing level to allow for settlement.

SUPPLY & HANDLING OF TREES & PLANTS: Comply with the National Plant Specification (NPS) and the Code of Practice for Plant Handling (CPH) which is incorporated in the National Plant Specification (available free at www.defra.gov.uk/nps).

NURSERY STOCK: In accordance with the plant list and as specified in the National Plant Specification (NPS, available free at www.defra.gov.uk/nps).

PLANT FAULTS: All plants supplied and planted by the Contractor include trees, which fall to thrive within the period of the contract shall be replaced with the same species to match the size of adjacent plants of the same species at the next suitable planting season, unless otherwise agreed.

IMPORTED TOP SOIL TO BE: TO BS 3882 Multi-purpose natural (not manufactured) topsoil.

ORGANIC MATTER: Apply and lightly dig into the surface of planting areas with well-rotted farmyard manure at a rate of 50g/m².

IMMEDIATELY AFTER PLANTING: Lightly prune back any damage or malformed growth. Rake soil to an even, fine 50mm to the ground level.

MULCHING: Fork soil to a medium 50mm in the areas to be mulched. Apply 100mm depth of mulch after watering.

BLENDS: Designed in relation to installed furniture. With the 50mm of the soil at the correct depth for the species and in TREE STAGES: From minimum diameter: 100mm to 150mm.

STAKING FOR TREES: Drive stake upright minimum 500mm depth into excavated planting pit before planting, close to but free from the trunk on the windward side. Cut off minimum 500mm above ground and secure tree with tie and spacers at the top of the stake.

WATERING PIPES: Provide perforated watering pipes in a circle around the top of the root ball.

BACKFILLING: To be excavated (pre-prepared) soil. The backfill is to be evenly worked round the roots and well-watered in leaving the top 50mm of the existing level to allow for settlement.

TREE WINGS: To be BS 3888 Recommendations for Tree Work unless otherwise agreed.

PROTECTIVE FENCING: Before siting or clearance of the site, provide, erect and maintain barriers to form Construction Exclusion Barriers in accordance with BS 3627. Single mesh panels securely attached to a braced subsoil pipe vertical and horizontal framework as BS 3627 Figure 2. Clear away and make good as necessary when all the work is complete.

GROUND PREPARATION FOR WILD FLOWER MEADOWS: Harrow to reduce soil to a good 50mm not exceeding 25mm.

SOWING WILD FLOWER SEED MIX: Ensure even mixing of all seed varieties. Seed spread to manufacturers recommendation.

TURF QUALITY: To be BS 2868 with nettside applied 1 to 3 months before fitting. 800 x 300 minimum size, even thickness, max 10mm from touch and 75mm from knock. Support a sample in line for inspection before delivery.

PREPARATION FOR TURFING:

- Remove weeds, grasses and stones over 20mm in any dimension.
- Cultivate topsoil to a minimum depth of 100mm.
- Remove top 20mm to a fine 50mm and on clay or heavy loam soil work in 50% of coarse sharp sand to produce a 50mm depth.

LAYING TURF:

- Transport turf over close graded timber paths.
- Lay turf in consecutive rows.
- Lay turf from outer plants proceeding previously laid turf.
- Lay turf close to avoid creating the joint in alternate rows.
- Close joints with soil or sand/gravel.
- Compaction of soil.
- Break in heavy areas to avoid topsoil to 50mm.
- Fill turf with water pipe or hose at watering 50.
- Ensure the surface is 20mm above any adjacent level surface.

FERTILISER: Dress areas to be grass seeded with NPK17 fertiliser at a rate of 50g/m² and work into the top 30mm of 50mm 7 days before sowing and after it is laid. Not applicable to wildflower meadow areas.

SOWING GRASS SEED: Ensure even mixing of all seed varieties. Use a broadcast method to spread the seed in the quantity specified. Apply in two equal passes in transverse directions. Rake in seed and roll with lightweight roller.

