

LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT SCHEDULE

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1. Management Programme

- 1.1 The following Management Schedule shall be carried out for five years following completion of the planting scheme.

2. Maintenance generally

- 2.1 Provide a maintenance programme sufficient to ensure all planted and grassed areas are kept well watered and weed free throughout the year, and shrubs pruned following their flowering periods.
- 2.2 The frequency of visits shall be determined by the season. Allow a minimum 17 visits per year to be increased in hot dry periods for additional watering.

3. Amenity Grass Areas

- 3.1 Cut grass to 50mm height on fortnightly visits to commence when the grass reaches 100mm in height during the growing season.
- 3.2 Replace any damaged grass by cutting effected area to a clean rectangular shape and replace with ornamental quality turf.
- 3.3 All arisings to be removed to the Contractor's tip.

4. Wildflower & Grass Areas

- 4.1 Allow 2 cuts per year. One cut following early Summer flowering and the second cut at the end of September.
- 4.2 Remove all arisings to the Contractor's tip.

5. Bulb Planting

- 5.1 Remove flower heads after flowering.
- 5.2 Do not mow areas planted with Spring bulbs until the flowering has completed and the foliage is in an advanced stage of wilt.

6. Watering

- 6.1 Throughout May and October inclusive, irrespective of weather conditions, the grass areas and the soil around the plants shall be kept in such a moist condition that the grass and plants flourish. The exception being in periods of official drought as defined by the local regional water authority, when the authority places restrictions on the use of water.
- 6.2 Trees shall be flooded via the irrigation pipe installed surrounding the rootball.

7. Weeding

- 7.1 Ensure all planted and amenity grass areas are maintained clear of weeds.
- 7.2 Weeding shall be the complete removal of each weed by handlifting, easing out the whole root by the use of a trowel.
- 7.3 All arisings to be removed to the Contractor's tip.

8. Herbicide

- 8.1 Do not apply herbicide without the permission of the Estate Management.
- 8.2 Herbicide shall only be applied to control the spread of grasses into plant beds.
- 8.3 Herbicide shall only be applied by qualified operatives wearing appropriate clothing and using applicators fit for the purpose.

9. Weeds notifiable under the Wildlife & Countryside Act.

- 9.1 Monitor the site for any growth of pernicious weeds such as Japanese Knotweed, Giant Hogweed and Marestail. Advise the Estate Management of any evidence and submit a Method Statement for its eradication.

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10. Mulch

- 10.1 Replenish bark mulch to 50mm depth on all plant beds where the ground is exposed during April/ May visits.
- 10.2 Bark mulch to be 35-75mm size and wood content no greater than 14%.

11. Litter Collection and Stone Picking

- 11.1 Remove all objects over 75mm in size to the Contractor's tip.

12. Trees

- 12.1 Adjust stakes and ties in the first two growing seasons.
- 12.2 Remove all tree stakes and ties in the third planting season unless there is evidence that the root system has not sufficiently developed into the surrounding ground.
- 12.3 Trees in Paved Areas: Crown lift canopies to ensure 2.4 metres clearance.
- 12.4 Remove deadwood and crossing limbs
- 12.5 Maintain a strong central stem by removing any competitive double leader.

13. Replacement planting

- 13.1 Replace tree and shrubs not in a vigorous and thriving condition with container grown stock of the same species and cultivar.
- 13.2 Replacement during the first year to be carried out under warranty by the Landscape Contractor.
- 13.3 Seek approvals from the Estate Management prior to any replacement in the second and later years.

14. Fertiliser Application

- 14.1 Apply a general fertiliser during April/ May to all grass and plant beds such as 7:7:7 NPK or a comparable slow release fertiliser for general purposes.
- 14.2 Do not apply fertiliser in Wildflower areas

15. Pruning of specific species and plant beds

- 15.1 Euonymus japonicus, Photinia, Ilex and Escallonia hedges: Prune to 700mm height by secateurs. No machine cutting or shears allowed.
- 15.2 Beech hedges: Prune to 1.5m height
- 15.3 Prunus lusitanica hedges: Prune to 1.5m height
- 15.4 Pyracantha and Laurel hedges: Prune to 1.8m height
- 15.5 North Hyde Gardens native species boundary hedgerow: To be maintained at 3.0 metres height. Layer where possible to provide a dense screen
- 15.6 Amelanchier and Viburnum "Onondaga": Prune out lower branches to allow an under storey of groundcover plants to flourish.
- 15.7 Ensure a defined edge between plant beds and gravel strips.
- 15.8 Miscanthus, Pennisetum and Stipa: Remove dead stems in February/ March.
- 15.9 Salix, Cornus and Hippophae: Prune back by two thirds in February/ March.
- 15.10 Brachyglottis and Symphoricarpos "Hancock": Cut out deadwood and prune to 600mm height in February/ March.
- 15.11 Prune groundcover shrubs off adjacent paving and kerbs

16. Pesticide

- 16.1 Pesticide shall not be applied except with the written permission of the Estate Management.
- 16.2 To be applied by qualified operatives using a product on the approved register of the Pesticides Safety Directorate.
- 16.3 Apply pesticide suitable for Viburnum leaf beetle to Viburnum davidii and tinus twice a year in June and August.