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1.0 General

This statement should be read in conjunction with the following drawing:

- L1222L01

All soft landscape works to be carried out by suitably qualified, trained and competent contractors under appropriate supervision (<https://www.bali.org.uk/members>).

All landscape works to be carried out in accordance with the relevant current British Standards and guidance, including but not restricted to:

- BS 8545 Trees: from nursery to independence in the landscape.
- BS 3998 Tree work.
- BS 4428 Code of practice for general landscape operations (excluding hard surfaces)
- BS 3936 Nursery stock
- BS 5837 Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction
- National Planting Specifications Guidelines
- Horticultural Trades Association standards (including 'Handling and establishing landscape plants' part 1, 2 & 3)
- COSHH Regulations.

2.0 Design & Management Objectives

The following tasks should be carried out to achieve the desired design and management objectives:

- All plant deaths should be replaced to achieve the desired effect.
- All newly planted specimen trees should receive regular inspections/ arboricultural work to ensure good health and shape.
- All trees should receive regular inspections/ arboricultural work to ensure they are safe, have good health, have a tidy appearance.
- Woodland planting objectives are initially to achieve closed canopy to reduce weed growth and latterly subsequently to carry out selective thinning to maintain the health of the woodland.
- Water planting as necessary during the establishment period to ensure their continued healthy growth.
- Fertilise planting beds to ensure their continued health growth.
- The hedging should be regularly trimmed to create a dense branch structure, to the desired final height.
- Provide wildlife opportunities where ever possible.
- The understory planting to the Ecological Enhancement zone to be maintained to provide ecological benefits and to reduce opportunities for anti social behaviour.
- Plants should be maintained on a regular basis to keep them looking tidy and healthy.
- Suitable herbaceous planting should be lifted and replanted on a regular basis to ensure healthy growth and free flowering.
- Amenity grass should be mown on a regular basis to achieve a uniform, tidy effect.
- The wild flower area should be maintained and mown at appropriate times to promote a healthy diverse flora of desirable flower species.
- The planting beds should be kept free of litter and weeds to ensure a tidy appearance.
- Planting beds should be mulched to a depth of 50mm on an annual basis to suppress weeds and to keep a tidy appearance.

3.0 Maintenance Schedule Generally

Operation

Water all areas of newly planted grass, herbaceous & shrub planting to field capacity during the growing season for the first year

Water all areas of newly planted trees & specimen shrubs to field capacity during the growing season for the first two years

Water areas of high quality turf as necessary during prolonged periods of dry weather.

All dead/ dying root balled and bare root trees and hedging to be replaced during the dormant season.

Replace dead/ dying container-grown plants at any time of year. Adequate water must be provided.

Spread a general controlled release fertiliser for shrubs (NPK 11+22+9) to all shrub beds at a rate of 100g/ m2.

Removal of autumn leaf fall from all landscape areas.

Remove all litter and other undesirable material from all landscape areas by litter picking and sweeping

Remove by hand or spot treat weeds with suitable approved herbicide to any vegetation emerging in hard surfaced areas & along kerb lines

Remove weeds from all areas of permeable block paving using translocated herbicide (avoiding disruption of the jointing material).

Remove by hand or spot treat weeds with suitable approved herbicide from all planting bed

Remove any windblown bark mulch from hard landscape areas. Return to planting beds unless contaminated with litter or other material.

Top up bark mulch to all planting beds and tree planting to a depth of 50mm.

Timing

April - September
(during first year)

March - October
(during first 2 years)

All year round

December - February

All year round

March - April

October - December

All year round

April - May

April - May

April & October

All year round

March - April

Frequency

1 x per month
(6 x per year)

2 x per month
(16 x per year)

As necessary

As necessary

All year round

1 x per year

2 occasions per year

1 x per month

1 x per year

1 x per year

2 x per year

1 x per month

1 x per year

4.0 Newly Planted Shrub Planting Maintenance

Plant	Operation	Timing	Frequency
Amelanchier lamackii (Specimen, multi stem)	Prune dead wood and congested branches	After flowering	1 x per year
Caryopteris x clandonensis 'Heavenly Blue'	Prune to 500mm above ground level	March	1 x per year
Hypericum 'Hidcote'	Prune to encourage good form	October/ November	1 x per year
Lavendula angustifolia 'Hidcote'	Prune to a height of 300mm	March	1 x per year
Mahonia aquifolium.	Cut back invasive growth and remove dead/ diseased wood	April (after flowering)	1 x per year
Mahonia eurybracteata subsp. ganpinensis 'Soft Caress'	Remove dead/ diseased wood	April (after flowering)	1 x per year
Magnolia stellata (Specimen, multi stem)	Prune dead wood and congested branches	After flowering	1 x per year
Philadelphus 'Manteau d'Hermine'	Prune 1 in 4 old stems	July	1 x per year
Potentilla fruticosa 'Goldfinger'	Prune to encourage good form, removing dead wood	August/ September	1 x per year
Rosemarinus officinalis 'Prostratus'	Prune to encourage good form Allow to ramble over edge of planter	September (after flowering)	1 x per year
Ruscus aculeatus.	Remove dead stems to their base	March	1 x per year
Sarcococca confusa	Prune old/ damaged branches to keep a tidy appearance	March	1 x per year
Skimmia japonica 'Rubella'	Remove dead or damaged branches	March/ April	1 x per year
Thymus citriodorus 'Variegata'	Trim after flowering	September, after flowering	1 x per year

5.0 Newly Planted Herbaceous & Fern Planting Maintenance

Plant	Operation	Timing	Frequency
Anemone x hybrida 'Honorine Jobert'	Cut to near ground level	October	1 x per year
	Lift, divide and replant	October	1 x per 5 years
Epimedium perralderianum.	Remove dead or damaged leaves/ spent flowers	March/ April	1 x per year
	Lift, divide and replant large clumps	March/ April	1 x per 5 years
Euphorbia amygdaloides robbiae	Cut back flowering shoots to ground level	October/ November	1 x per year
	Remove rhizomes to contain plant	March- May	As necessary
Geranium macrorrhizum	Prune to tidy plant	October	1 x per year
	Lift, divide and replant	March/ April	1 x per 3 years
Helleborus orientalis	Replace dead plants as necessary	March/ April	1 x per year
	Remove old leaves as flowers appear	January/ February	1 x per year
Liriope muscari	Lift, divide and replant large clumps	March/ April	1 x per 5 years
Polystichum setiferum	Remove dead or damaged fronds	As necessary	As necessary
Rudbeckia fulgida 'Goldstrum'	Cut to near ground level	February/ March	1 x per year
	Prune already flowered shoots to encourage flowering	After flowering	1 x per year
	Lift, divide and replant large clumps	March/ April	1 x per 5 years
Salvia nemorosa 'Caradonna'	Cut to 15 cm above ground level	March/ April	1 x per year
	Prune already flowered shoots to encourage flowering	After flowering	1 x per year
Verbena bonariensis	Cut to near ground level	March/ April	1 x per year
	Remove unwanted seedlings	March/ May	1 x per year
Vinca minor	Prune to contain plant	March	1 x per year

6.0 Newly Planted Climbers Planting Maintenance

Plant	Operation	Timing	Frequency
Clematis montana	Formative pruning, removing unwanted stems	June (After flowering)	1 x per year
Lonicera periclymenum	Formative pruning, removing unwanted stems	August/ September (after flowering)	1 x per year
Rosa 'Zéphirine Drouhin'	Establish plant framework by tying stems into the structure	March	1 x per year
	Remove dead and/or exhausted wood	March	1 x per year
Trachelospermum jasminoides	Formative pruning, removing unwanted stems	March	1 x per year

7.0 Newly Planted Shade Tolerant Wildflower Maintenance (WF1)

Time Period	Operation	Timing	Frequency
First Year Cutting	Cut to a height of 50mm. Remove arisings.	From sowing to April	1 x per month
Year 1 – 3 weed treating	Spot treat perennial weeds with HSE approved translocated herbicide.	May - June	1 x per year
Years 2 onwards cutting	First cut to height of 50mm. Leave 'hay' for 7 days Remove arisings	August	1 x per year
	Second cut to height of 50mm. Remove arisings	October	1 x per year
	Cultivate areas of bare soil and reseed with wildflower seed	September- November	1 x per year

8.0 Newly Planted Tussocky Grassland Wildflower Maintenance (WF2)

Time Period	Operation	Timing	Frequency
First Year Cutting	Cut to a height of 50mm. Remove arisings.	August to March	1 x per month
Year 1 – 3 weed treating	Spot treat perennial weeds with HSE approved translocated herbicide.	May - June	1 x per year
Years 2 onwards cutting	Cut to height of 50mm. Leave 'hay' for 7 days Remove arisings	October to February	1 x per 3 year
	Cultivate areas of bare soil and reseed with wildflower seed	September- November	1 x per year

For wildlife benefit, Year 2 onwards cutting is best done on a rotational basis so that no more than half the area is cut in any one year leaving part as an undisturbed refuge.

9.0 Newly Planted Flowering Lawn Wildflower Maintenance (WF3)

Time Period	Operation	Timing	Frequency
First Year Cutting	Cut to a height of 50mm. Remove arisings.	For first year	1 x per month
Year 1 – 3 weed treating	Spot treat perennial weeds with HSE approved translocated herbicide.	May - June	1 x per year
Years 2 onwards cutting	Cut to height of 40mm. Remove arisings	Throughout growing season	1 x per month
	Cultivate areas of bare soil and reseed with wildflower seed	September- November	1 x per year

10.0 Newly Planted Specimen Tree Maintenance

Time Period	Operation	Timing	Frequency
Year 1 - 2	- Check tree ties & adjust as required - Remove broken diseased/ branches - Straighten any leaning trees - Water to field capacity	March, August March, August November - December March - October	2 x per year 2 x per year 1 x per year 2 x per month (16 x per year)
Year 1 – 5	- Check general health of tree - Remove all unwanted plant material from the base of all trees. - Place 1m² of mulch to a depth of 50mm to the base of all trees. Ensure mulch is kept away from the bark of the stem, in accordance with BS8545:2014. - Replace dead/ diseased trees - Check tree guards, straighten and re-secure as necessary	March, August April - May April - May November - December March, August	2 x per year 1 x per year 1 x per year 1 x per year 2 x per year
Year 3 inspection	- Remove tree ties and stake - Remove broken diseased/ branches - Remove branches to promote a tidy appearance	August	1 x per year
Year 5 onwards	- Check for general health & tidy appearance - Cut back broken diseased/ branches - Remove branches to promote a tidy appearance	August	1 x per year

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If the intention is to complete tree work between the 1st March and the end of August, a due diligence check for nesting birds must be completed before work starts in order to comply with the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981. Arborists should record such checks in their site-specific risk assessment. If active nests are found work should not take place until the young have fledged.

The links below explain in more detail:

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11.0 Existing Tree Maintenance

Time Period	Operation	Timing	Frequency
Ongoing	Check general health of tree	August	1 x per year
	Cut back broken diseased/ branches	August	1 x per year
	Check for general health & broken branches following adverse weather conditions	As soon as possible after the event	As necessary
	Create log piles with removed branches within the understory of the Ecological Enhancement zone. Ensure log piles are stable.	As necessary	As necessary

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12.0 Ecological Enhancement Planting Maintenance

Proposed Enhancement Planting

Time Period	Operation	Timing	Frequency
Year 1 – 3	Spray 0.25m ² to the base of all trees with approved translocated herbicide.	April - May	1 x per year
Year 1 & 2	Replace dead/ diseased trees	November - December	1 x per year
Year 3	Remove all tree stakes, ties and shelters	November - December	Once
Year 5 onwards	Thin trees as necessary to maintain healthy woodland. Seek specialist advice	November - March	As necessary.

Existing Understory Planting

Time Period	Operation	Timing	Frequency
Ongoing	Review planting and remove any non native invasive species	April - October	1 x per 3 years
	Reduce height of existing shrubby vegetation to 600mm	March - April	1 x per 3 years
	Accommodate log piles within the understory planting. Ensure log piles are stable and will not roll down the bank.	As necessary	As necessary

As far as possible all existing ground level understory vegetation within the Ecological Enhancement zone should be retained.

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13.0 Newly Planted Mixed Native Hedge Maintenance

Time Period	Operation	Timing	Frequency
Year 1 – 3	Spray to the base of all plants with approved translocated herbicide.	April - May	1 x per year
Year 1 & 2	Replace dead/ diseased plants	November - December	1 x per year
Year 3	Remove all stakes, ties and shelters	November - December	Once
	Remove leaders	When plants reach 700mm high	As necessary
Year 3 onwards	Cut hedge to height of 1200mm	When plants exceeds 1200mm high	2 x per year

NOTE: To comply with the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, before any cutting commences all hedges to be maintained should be checked for nesting birds. If nesting birds are discovered the section of hedge where the nest is found should not be maintained until the young have fledged. (Disturbance is an offence, so where birds are nesting the hedge should be worked on within 5m of the nesting birds. Disturbance to the nest should be eliminated as much as possible during any maintenance works).

If the intention is to complete the hedge maintenance work between the 1st March and the end of August, a due diligence check for nesting birds must be completed before work starts in order to comply with the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981. The maintenance contractor should record such checks in their site-specific risk assessment. If active nests are found work should not take place until the young have fledged.

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14.0 Newly Planted Ornamental Shrub Hedge Maintenance

Plant	Operation	Timing	Frequency
Ligustrum vulgare	Maintain hedge to height of 1000mm	May and August. When plants reach 1000mm high	2 x per year
Lonicera nitida 'Maigrun'	Maintain hedge to height of 600mm	After flowering,	1 x per year
Sarcococca confusa	Maintain hedge to height of 600mm	After flowering, late spring When plants reach 700mm high	1 x per year
Viburnum tinus "Eve Price"	Maintain hedge to height of 1000mm	After flowering, late spring When plants reach 1000mm high	1 x per year

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