

# Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment

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Project: Former COMAG Works, Tavistock Road, West Drayton (1006546)

## Technical Note TN01: Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment Using Defra Biodiversity Metric 3.1 Calculation Tool

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### 1. Introduction

- 1.1. Aspect Ecology was commissioned by Bellway Homes Limited (North London) in June 2022 to undertake ecological survey work and a Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment (BNGA) for the proposed redevelopment of land at the former COMAG Works, Tavistock Road, West Drayton. The proposals are for the construction of 105 residential units, with associated landscaping.
- 1.2. The DEFRA 3.1 Biodiversity Impact Calculation Tool has been used to conduct the BNGA. This note accompanies the BNGA Calculator and provides a summary of the results and rationale for the choice of habitat types and conditions.

### 2. Policy

- 2.1. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)<sup>1</sup> takes forward the Government's strategic objective to halt overall biodiversity loss, as set out at Paragraph 174, which states that planning policies and decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by: *'minimising impacts on and providing net gains for biodiversity, including by establishing coherent ecological networks that are more resilient to current and future pressures'*
- 2.2. The Environment Bill received Royal Assent in November 2021, such that it is now an Act of Parliament with a mandate for development in England to achieve a net gain in biodiversity. The Act sets out the need to achieve a minimum 10% gain, calculated using an approved metric (calculation tool), with habitat obligations secured for at least 30 years. However, secondary legislation is required to implement these commitments to Biodiversity Net Gain which is not expected to be passed until late 2023. The 10% biodiversity net gain requirement set out in the Act is therefore not yet law, such that it is not applicable to the proposals.
- 2.3. Policy EM7 of the London Borough of Hillingdon Council Local Plan 2011 – 2031 (adopted in 2018) states that the biodiversity of Hillingdon will be preserved and enhanced, with particular attention given to *'the provision of biodiversity improvements from all development, where feasible.'*

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<sup>1</sup> Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (2021) *'National Planning Policy Framework'*

### **3. Approach and Methodology**

#### Habitat Survey

- 3.1. The site was surveyed in June 2022 in order to ascertain the general ecological value of the land contained within the boundaries of the site and to identify the main habitats and ecological features present.
- 3.2. The site was surveyed based on standard Phase 1 Habitat Survey methodology<sup>2</sup>, whereby the habitat types present are identified and mapped, together with an assessment of the species composition of each habitat. This technique provides an inventory of the basic habitat types present and allows identification of areas of greater potential which require further survey. The site was classified into areas of similar botanical community types, with a representative species list compiled for each habitat identified. The nomenclature used for plant species is based on the Botanical Society for the British Isles (BSBI) Checklist.

#### Biodiversity Net Gain

- 3.3. To quantify the level of biodiversity net gain that can be delivered under the proposed development, the change in biodiversity value resulting from the scheme has been calculated using the Defra Biodiversity Metric 3.1 calculation tool and associated user guide<sup>3</sup>. This takes account of the size, distinctiveness and ecological condition of existing and proposed habitat areas to provide a proxy measure of the present and forecast biodiversity value of a site, and therefore determine the overall change in biodiversity value. These calculations are provided in the accompanying metric spreadsheet.
- 3.4. To establish the habitat baseline, broad habitat areas have been identified based on the survey work undertaken at the site, the results of which are shown on Plan 6546/BNGA1. Habitat conditions have then been assigned based on the guidance set out in the Technical Supplement<sup>4</sup>, other appropriate guidance and professional judgement.
- 3.5. The post-development information used to inform the DEFRA 3.1 Biodiversity Metric Calculation Tool has been taken from the landscape planting plans (see Plan 6546/BNGA2 and Appendix 6546/1).

### **4. Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment**

- 4.1. The following section provides a systematic review of the input information, rationalising the habitat categories and their condition chosen from the drop-down menus of the BNGA calculator. The completed DEFRA 3.1 Biodiversity Impact Assessment Calculation Tool accompanies this report.

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<sup>2</sup> Joint Nature Conservation Committee (2010, as amended) *'Handbook for Phase 1 habitat survey: A technique for environmental audit.'*

<sup>3</sup> Natural England (July 2021) *Natural England Joint Publication JP039. Biodiversity Metric 3.0: auditing and accounting for biodiversity – User Guide.*

<sup>4</sup> Natural England (July 2021) *Natural England Joint Publication JP039. The Biodiversity Metric 3.0: auditing and accounting for biodiversity – Technical Supplement.*

A-1 Site Habitat Baseline (Pre-development)

Habitat	Rationale for Habitat Type	Condition	Rationale for Condition
Urban – Artificial Unvegetated, Unsealed Surface	The majority of the site comprises bare ground with rubble and spoil mounds, and few colonising botanical species present, typical of disturbed ground in urban areas.	N/A	No assessment required.
Urban – Developed Land; Sealed Surface	A small area of hardstanding is present.	N/A	No assessment required.
Heathland and Shrub – Mixed Scrub	Small areas of relatively dense scrub at the site boundaries, largely comprising Buddleja, with Maple <i>Acer</i> sp., <i>Rosa</i> sp., Elder <i>Sambucus nigra</i> and Ash <i>Fraxinus excelsior</i> .	Poor	The mixed scrub habitat fails all condition assessment criteria (5), on the basis that this habitat comprises > 75% cover by one single, and undesirable, species (Buddleja). The mixed scrub does not comprise a good age range, nor does it have a well-developed edge, or clearings, glades or rides present.

A-2 Site Habitat Creation (Post-development)

Habitat	Target Condition	Rationale for Condition
Urban – Developed Land; Sealed Surface	N/A	No assessment required.
Grassland – Modified Grassland	Poor	Areas of amenity grassland will be created on the first-floor roof area. The amenity grassland will comprise a turf designed for amenity purposes which is suitable for regular mowing. The grassland will not contain high levels of scrub or Bracken and will not include non-native invasive species. However, the grassland will likely fail other condition assessment criteria and therefore is likely to achieve 'poor' condition.
Urban – Introduced Shrub	Poor	No assessment required
Urban – Urban Tree	Poor	Thirteen small street trees will be incorporated within the landscape planting. Many of the trees are non-native species. The trees will not form a continuous canopy and will primarily be managed for amenity purposes rather than ecologically. As such the trees are likely to only achieve 'poor' condition.

## 5. Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment – Results

- 5.1. In summary, the DEFRA 3.1 Biodiversity Impact Assessment Calculator indicates that the development will result in a **net gain of 711.6% habitat units (0.31 units)**. There are no hedgerows or river/stream features present within the site and, as such, no score is generated for these sections.

	Change in Units	% Change
Habitats	+0.31	+711.6%
Hedgerows	N/A	N/A
Rivers/Streams	N/A	N/A

- 5.2. In addition to the measurable habitat benefits described above, it is anticipated that the development will deliver a number of faunal benefits; however, it is not possible to quantify these benefits with the DEFRA 3.1 Biodiversity Impact Assessment Calculator. The faunal specific benefits of the proposed development include installation of enhancements targeted to specific species, such as bat boxes, which would provide new roosting opportunities for a number of both National and Local Priority Species such as Soprano Pipistrelle *Pipistrellus pygmaeus*, in addition to bird boxes.

### Plans and Appendices:

- Plan 6546/BNGA1: Existing Habitats Measurements
- Plan 6546/BNGA2: Proposed Habitats Measurements
- Appendix 6546/1 – Landscape Planting Plans (Aspect Landscape Planning, 2022)

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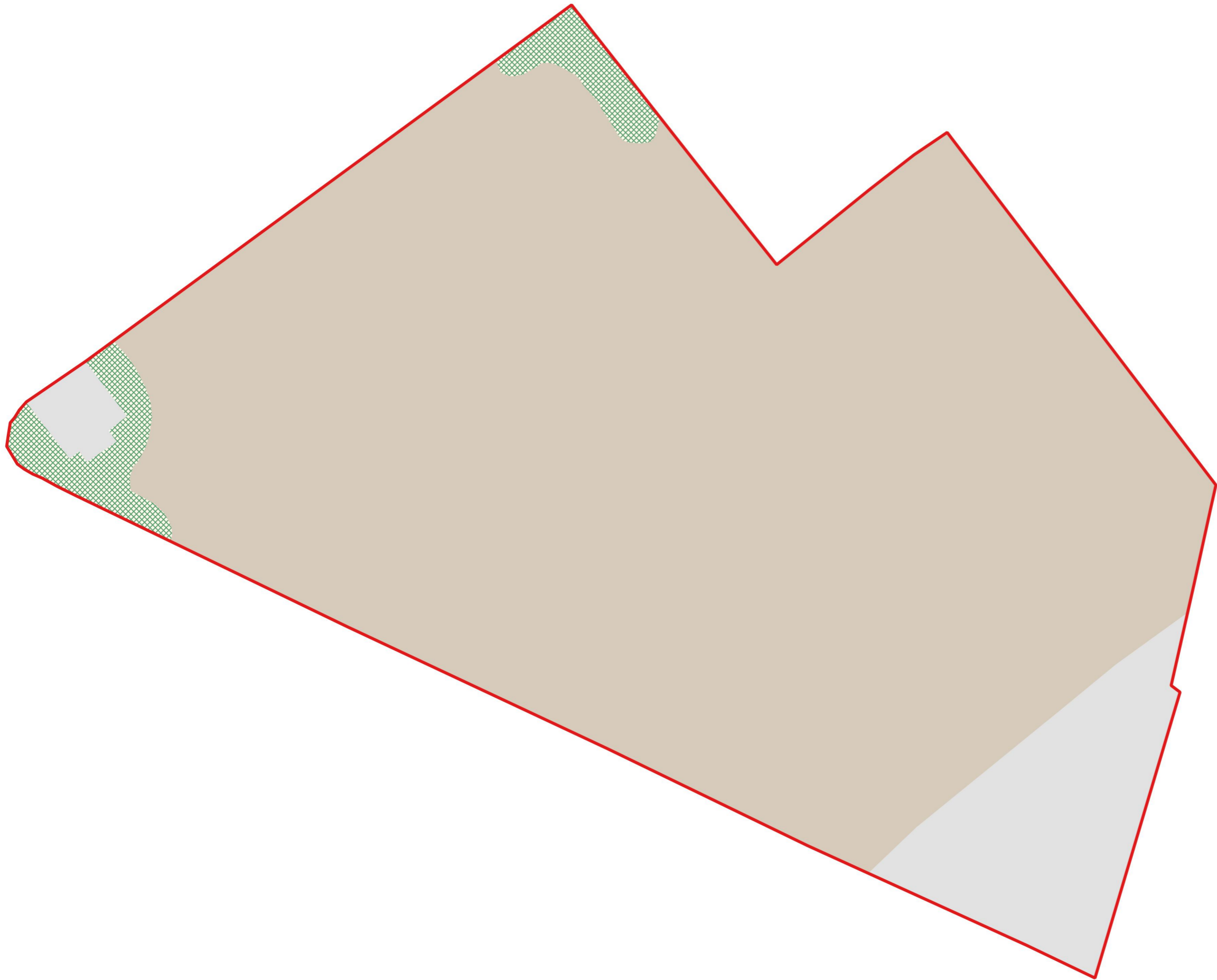
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## **Plan 6546/BNGA1:**

Pre-development Habitat Measurements

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- Key:
- Site Boundary
  - Developed land; sealed surface (0.03ha)
  - Mixed scrub (0.01ha)
  - Artificial unvegetated, unsealed surface (0.3ha)



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## **Plan 6546/BNGA2:**

Post-development Habitat Measurements



- Key:
- Site Boundary
  - Podium Area
  - Roof Area
  - Developed land; sealed surface (0.25ha)
  - Introduced shrub (0.06ha)
  - Modified grassland (0.04ha)
  - Tree



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## **Appendix 1:**

Landscape Planting Plans (Aspect Landscape Planning)

Trees					
Number	Abbreviation	Species	Specification	Girth	Height
1 -	ACE CAL	Acer campestre 'William Caldwell'	Advanced Nursery Stock :Clear Stem min. 200 :RB	18-20cm	4.0-5.0m
Total : 1 -					

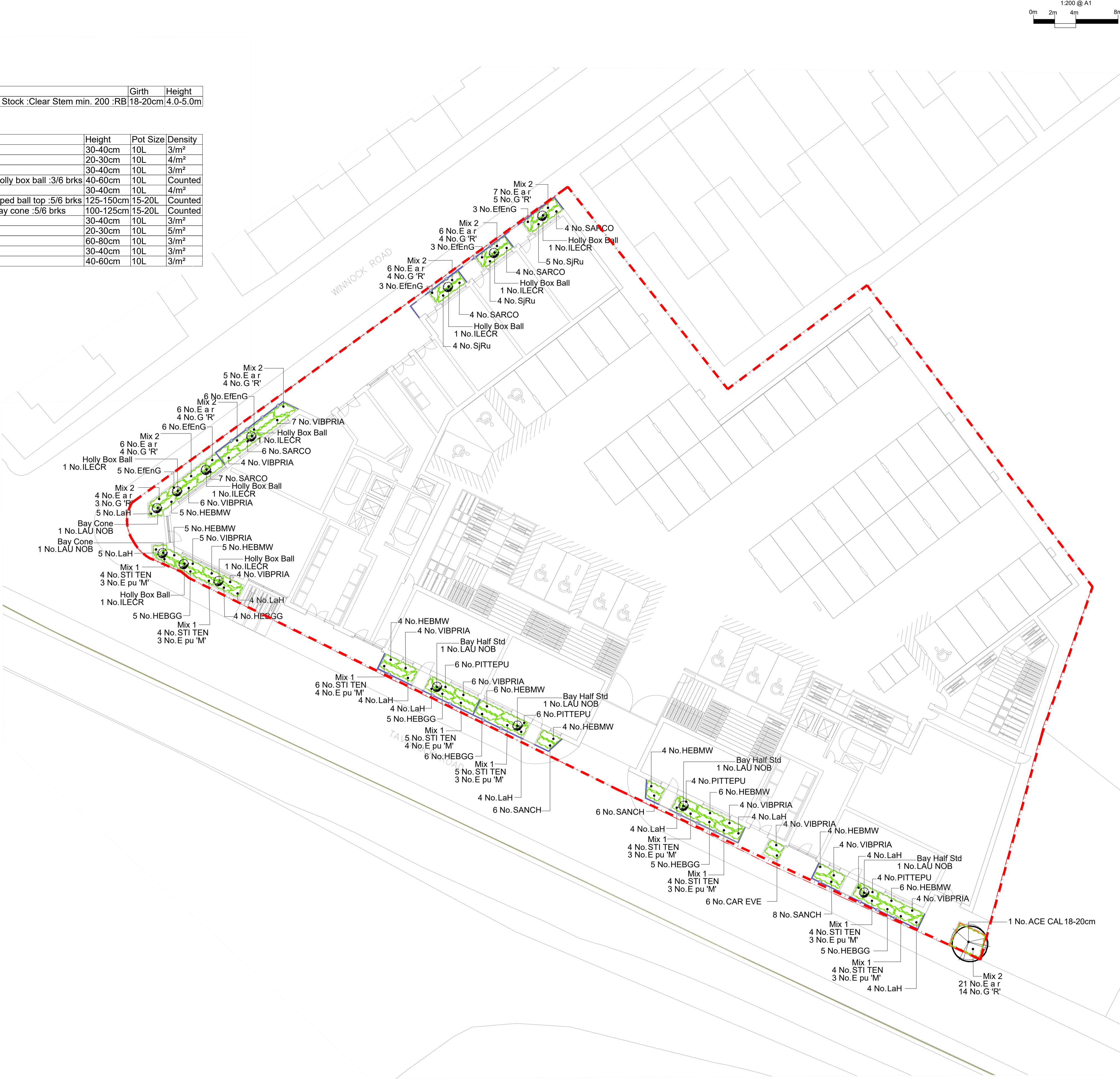
Shrubs	Number	Abbreviation	Species	Specification	Height	Pot Size	Density
20 -	EfEnG	Euonymus fortunei 'Emerald 'n' Gold'	Bushy :3/4 brks		30-40cm	10L	3/m <sup>2</sup>
30 -	HEBGG	Hebe 'Green Globe'	Bushy :3/4 brks		20-30cm	10L	4/m <sup>2</sup>
49 -	HEBMW	Hebe 'Mrs Winder'	Bushy :5/6 brks		30-40cm	10L	3/m <sup>2</sup>
8 -	ILECR	Ilex crenata	Bushy: Clipped Holly box ball :3/6 brks		40-60cm	10L	Counted
42 -	LaH	Lavandula angustifolia 'Hidcote'	Bushy :3/4 brks		30-40cm	10L	4/m <sup>2</sup>
4 -	LAU NOB	Laurus nobilis	Half standard clipped ball top :5/6 brks		125-150cm	15-20L	Counted
2 -	LAU NOB	Laurus nobilis	Bushy: Clipped bay cone :5/6 brks		100-125cm	15-20L	Counted
20 -	PITTEPU	Pittosporum tenuifolium 'Purpureum'	Bushy :5/6 brks		30-40cm	10L	3/m <sup>2</sup>
20 -	SANCH	Santolina chamaecyparissus	Bushy :3/4 brks		20-30cm	10L	5/m <sup>2</sup>
25 -	SARCO	Sarcococca confusa	Bushy :3/4 brks		60-80cm	10L	3/m <sup>2</sup>
13 -	SJRu	Skimmia japonica 'Rubella'	Bushy :5/6 brks		30-40cm	10L	3/m <sup>2</sup>
45 -	VIBPRIA	Viburnum tinus 'Eve Price'	Bushy :5/6 brks		40-60cm	10L	3/m <sup>2</sup>

Number	Abbreviation	Species	Pot Size	Density
56 -	E a r	Euphorbia amygdaloides robbiae	10L	5/m <sup>2</sup>
29 -	E pu 'M'	Echinacea purpurea 'Magnus'	10L	5/m <sup>2</sup>
38 -	G 'R'	Geranium Rozanne	10L	5/m <sup>2</sup>

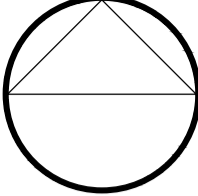
Grasses				
Number	Abbreviation	Species	Pot Size	Density
6 -	CAR EVE	Carex oshimensis 'Evergold'	10L	5/m <sup>2</sup>
40 -	STI TEN	Stipa tenuissima	10L	5/m <sup>2</sup>
Total :46 -				

NB: Species within planting mixes to be planted in groups of 3, 5, and 7's in random positions ensuring that contrasting blocks are provided.







50mm bark mulch to be added around planting



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KEY:

-  Site Boundary
-  Proposed Trees
-  Proposed Feature Shrubs
-  Proposed Ornamental Shrubs
-  Proposed Root Barrier  
(ReRoot 1000 or equivalent)
-  1.1m Railings (Black) - Spec

**PLANTING NOTES**  
All plants to be supplied in accordance with the HTA 'National Plant Specification' and from a HTA certified nursery. All plants and trees to be planted in accordance with BS3936 and BS8545. Delivery and handling of all plant material to be in accordance with BS4428/JCLI/CPSE Code of Practice for 'Handling and Establishing Landscape Plants' Parts I, II and III and BS8545.

### Planting Pit and Trench Preparation

Tree pits in soft landscape to be excavated to 1mx1mx1m depth prior to topsoiling and all shrub planting areas excavated to 450mm depth. All proposed hedge planting trenches to be excavated to 600mm depth. Unless otherwise specified, all tree pits in hard landscape to be 2mx2mx1m, backfilled with compacted Urban Tree Soil.

The preparation of planting pits, bed or trenches shall comply with the appropriate British Standards, namely BS4043, BS4428, BS5837 and BS8545.

Excavation of planting pits, beds or trenches shall not take place when the ground is frozen or waterlogged. The Contractor shall excavate and remove all debris from the site. All excavated material shall be disposed of as waste tonnage or imported topsoil to be BS8382-General purpose grade. All spoil areas are to be cleared of rocks and rubble larger than 50mm diameter and any other debris that may interfere with the establishment of plants. The Contractor shall break up and cultivate the soil surface around or planting pits, beds or trenches to a depth of 75mm below the level of the finished ground surface or planting pit, bed or trench. If the planting pits, beds or trenches are to be backfilled with imported topsoil, the Contractor shall lay down a minimum of 75mm in any dimension, deleterious matter. Weeds and weed roots brought to the surface by the cultivation or excavation shall be removed off site. The Contractor shall remove off site the debris and deleterious material which has been brought to the surface by the cultivation or excavation. Any deficiencies caused by the removal of the subsoil material. Trenches and pits shall have the topsoil and any subsoil material thoroughly broken up and mixed prior to backfilling.

The Contractor shall ensure that all planting pits, beds or trenches shall be well drained, free from weeds and healthy and with a compact, contained rootball. They shall be nursery grown and have been regularly irrigated. Prior to planting, all plant material shall be stored and sorted at in accordance with best practice.

**Planting** shall be planted in a random fashion avoiding formal regimented lines at densities indicated in the schedule, unless otherwise specified. Unless otherwise specified, all hedgerows shall be planted in single rows and hedgerow mixes shall be planted in groups of 7, 9 or 13 at densities indicated on the schedule. Ornamental shrub planting mixes shall be planted in groups of 5, 7 & 11s and native shrub planting mixes shall be planted in groups of 5, 7 & 11s. Hedgerow and shrub planting mixes shall include all native planting. The selection, procurement, handling, storage and planting operations of all proposed trees shall be in accordance with BS5854-14: Trees: from nursery to independence in the landscape, recommendations.

Planting shall be carried out in compliance with BS4043, BS4428, BS5857 and BS5845. Unless otherwise specified, planting shall be completed during the period of 1 Nov to 31 March when the ground is not bare or frozen or waterlogged. If planting is required outside this period guards shall be supplied and all bare root plants shall be substituted with container grown stock.

Plants shall be supplied in accordance with BS5830:2012: Green-teck plant guards (Green-teck plant guards BS5830:2012-PRO) or similar to all native shrubs and hedgerows, young sapling trees, whips and feather planting, ensuring that the main or terminal bud is protruding above the top of the spirals.

### Watering

All plants shall be watered in to field capacity immediately after planting and mulched with 50mm depth of medium grade crushed mulch. The Contractor shall water the trees, shrubs and hedges once planted so that the entire root ball of each plant area is moistened to field capacity, i.e. the amount of water retained by the soil in the root ball after excess water has "passed". Watering to field capacity shall be done frequently and on a regular basis as considered necessary by the landscape contractor and as necessary to ensure the successful establishment and continued thriving of all planting. Additional watering shall be undertaken during summer months and/or periods of drought. Post planting management and maintenance specifically for new tree planting shall include ongoing irrigation and formative pruning as follows:

- The period over which regular irrigation required for transplanted trees shall be to be at least two full growing seasons to ensure successful establishment. As the root system develops the frequency of irrigation can be reduced.

**Staking**  
All trees within soft landscape areas to be double staked with cross bar and tied, using 1.5m long, 75mm diameter rounded tree stakes 75mm brace, rubber tie and spacer block. Stakes not to extend more than 650mm above ground level. All trees within hardstanding/highways visibility plays to be clear stem to 1.5m high unless otherwise specified. Trees within hardstanding / specific pits to be underground guyed unless otherwise specified.

**Root Barriers**  
Root barriers (ReRoot 1000 or equivalent) to be included adjacent to buildings and services where necessary. Landscape contractor shall check all planting operations comply with appropriate standards and that in the absence of detailed surveys, any necessary underground investigations are undertaken to ensure there are no conflicts with existing or proposed utilities, services or foundations.

**PROTECTION OF EXISTING VEGETATION TO BE RETAINED**  
Existing trees to be retained shall be protected in accordance with BS5837, from commencement to completion of all works on site.

N.B. All planting proposals including tree planting have been developed in order to create a high quality environment and gain planning consent for the development. All tree species have been reviewed in line with NHCBC guidance (2017) and in the absence of any building foundation details or detailed soil analysis it has been assumed that all trees will be planted at least 6m away from foundations and as close as practicable to new buildings. A number of varied cultivars of these species as well as ornamental species that have a smaller overall mature height (which are not currently assessed within NHCBC guidance 2017) are proposed to provide variety in the scheme and engineers should consider these locations & spaces. Where necessary new building foundations depths shall be designed to accommodate root systems. The following table lists the recommended tree types based upon the information provided in Chapter 4.2 - Building Near Trees'. Planting plans have been prepared for planning purposes and in the absence of fully detailed ground investigations, geological or hydrological surveys and planting design for each space choice may be subject to change – suitability should be confirmed on site by the landscape architect prior to construction. It is noted that some drainage structures such as checks by landscapers or contractor to ensure planting can be implemented in accordance with approved drawings prior to implementation.

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PLANTING SCHEDULE

Trees						
Number	Abbreviation	Species	Specification	Height	Pot Size	Density
6 -	BETALBS	Betula albosinensis var. septentrionalis	Advanced Nursery Stock: Multistem 3 stems :Clear Stem min. 150 :C			Girth:Height 3.5-4.0m
Total :6 -						

Shrubs						
Number	Abbreviation	Species	Specification	Height	Pot Size	Density
3 -	AMELAM	Amelanchier lamarckii	Multistem 3 stems :3/5 brks :C	175-200cm	15-20L	Counted
8 -	FRAVES	Fragaria vesca	Full Pot	5L	6/m²	
8 -	MENSU	Menhha suaveolens	Full Pot	5L	6/m²	
4 -	THYCIARG	Thymus citriodorus 'Archer's Gold'	Full Pot	5L	6/m²	

Herbaceous						
Number	Abbreviation	Species	Specification	Pot Size	Density	
8 -	FRAVES	Fragaria vesca	Full Pot	5L	6/m²	
8 -	MENSU	Menhha suaveolens	Full Pot	5L	6/m²	
4 -	THYCIARG	Thymus citriodorus 'Archer's Gold'	Full Pot	5L	6/m²	

Grasses						
Number	Abbreviation	Species	Specification	Pot Size	Density	
29 -	MISSIML	Miscanthus sinensis 'Morning Light'	Grade 3/+ :C	10L	Counted	

Bulbs						
Number	Abbreviation	Species	Specification	Density		
4 -	ALL SCH	Allium schoenoprasum	Top size	6/m²		

Climbers						
Number	Abbreviation	Species	Specification	Height	Pot Size	
6 -	TRAJA	Trachelospermum jasminoides	Several Shoots :3/5 brks: Fixed onto fan trellis	100-150cm	5-7.5L	
Total :6 -						

Elaeagnus Hedge						
Number	Abbreviation	Species	Specification	Height	Pot Size	Density
214 -	EeGE	Elaeagnus ebbingei 'Gilt Edge'	Bushy :3/4 brks	60-80cm	10L	4/m

Planting Mix 1						
Number	Abbreviation	Species	Specification	Height	Pot Size	Density
37 -	ECH PUR	Echinacea purpurea	Grade 3/+ :C		5L	8/m² 25%
37 -	EUOFOEG	Euonymus fortunei 'Emerald Gaiety'	1+1 :Bushy :C	15-20cm	5L	8/m² 25%
37 -	LAVANHII	Lavandula angustifolia 'Hidcote'	Branched :2/3 brks :C	20-30cm	5L	8/m² 25%
37 -	STI TEN	Stipa tenuissima	Full Pot	3L	8/m² 25%	
Total :148 -						

Planting Mix 2						
Number	Abbreviation	Species	Specification	Height	Pot Size	Density
37 -	ECH PUR	Echinacea purpurea	Grade 3/+ :C		5L	8/m² 25%
37 -	EUOFOEG	Euonymus fortunei 'Emerald Gaiety'	1+1 :Bushy :C	15-20cm	5L	8/m² 25%
37 -	LAVANHII	Lavandula angustifolia 'Hidcote'	Branched :2/3 brks :C	20-30cm	5L	8/m² 25%
37 -	STI TEN	Stipa tenuissima	Full Pot	3L	8/m² 25%	
Total :148 -						

Planting Mix 3						
Number	Abbreviation	Species	Specification	Height	Pot Size	Density
37 -	ECH PUR	Echinacea purpurea	Grade 3/+ :C		5L	8/m² 25%
37 -	EUOFOEG	Euonymus fortunei 'Emerald Gaiety'	1+1 :Bushy :C	15-20cm	5L	8/m² 25%
37 -	LAVANHII	Lavandula angustifolia 'Hidcote'	Branched :2/3 brks :C	20-30cm	5L	8/m² 25%
37 -	STI TEN	Stipa tenuissima	Full Pot	3L	8/m² 25%	
Total :148 -						

NB: Species within planting mixes to be planted in groups of 3, 5, and 7's in random positions ensuring that contrasting blocks are provided.

Climbers to be trained onto treated timber fan trellis. Dimensions (H1055 x W614mm) or Similar to be proportional with proposed wall.

50mm bark mulch to be added around planting

PLANTING NOTES  
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**Planting Pit and Trench Preparation**  
Tree pits in soft landscape to be excavated to 1m x 1m x 1m depth prior to topsoiling and all shrub planting areas excavated to 450mm depth. All proposed hedge planting trenches to be excavated to 600mm depth. Unless otherwise specified, all tree pits in hard landscape to be 2m x 2m x 1m, backfilled with compacted Urban Tree Soil.  
The preparation of planting pits, beds or trenches shall comply with the appropriate British Standards, namely BS4043, BS4428, BS5837 and BS8545.  
Excavation of planting pits, beds or trenches shall not take place when the ground is frozen or waterlogged such that damage may occur to the structure of the soil. All excavated areas to be backfilled with either site won topsoil or imported topsoil to be BS3882-General purpose grade. All topsoiled areas to be clear of rocks and rubble larger than 50mm diameter and any other debris that may interfere with the establishment of plants. The Contractor shall break up and cultivate at the base of the trenches or planting pits. The sides of the trenches or planting pits shall be loosened with a fork or other similar implement. All stones and the like over 75mm in any dimension, deleterious matter, weeds and weed roots brought to the surface by any cultivation or excavation shall be removed off site. The Contractor shall remove off site the excavated subsoil/fill material when preparing planting pits. The imported topsoil should make up any deficiencies caused by the removal of the subsoil/fill material. Trenches and pits shall have the topsoil and any subsoil/fill material thoroughly broken up and mixed prior to backfilling.  
All trees shall be supplied root balled, unless otherwise stated. Root balled trees shall be well grown, healthy and with a compact, contained rootball. They shall be nursery grown and have been regularly watered. Prior to planting, all plant material shall be stored and sorted at in accordance with best practice.

**Planting**  
All plants shall be planted in a random fashion avoiding formal regimented lines at densities indicated in the schedule, unless otherwise specified. Unless otherwise specified, all hedgerows shall be planted in single rows and hedgerow mixes shall be planted in groups of 7, 9 & 13s at densities indicated on the schedule. Ornamental shrub planting mixes shall be planted in groups of 5, 7 & 11s and native shrub planting mixes shall be planted in groups of 9, 13 & 15s, with a cane and protective spiral guard included to all native planting. The selection, procurement, handling, storage and planting operations of all proposed trees shall be in accordance with BS8545:2014. Trees: from nursery to independence in the landscape, recommendations.  
Planting and associated operations shall comply with BS4043, BS4428, BS5837 and BS8545. Unless otherwise stated planting shall be carried out during the period of 1 Nov to 31 March when the ground is not frozen or water logged. If planting is required outside this period agreement shall be sought and all bare root plants shall be substituted with container grown stock. Provide Bamboo cane support and Trebiso Biodegradable Spiral Guards' (Green-tech Product code: 160PS1031-PRO) or similar to all native shrubs and hedgerows, young sapling trees, whips and feather planting, ensuring that the main or terminal bud is protruding out above the top of the spirals.

**Watering**  
All plants shall be watered in to field capacity immediately after planting and mulched with 50mm depth of medium grade crushed mulch. The Contractor shall water the trees, shrubs and hedges once planted so that the entire tree pit or planted area is moistened to field capacity, i.e. "the amount of water retained by previously saturated soil once full drainage has ceased". Watering to field capacity shall continue frequently and on a regular basis as considered necessary by the landscape contractor and as necessary to ensure the successful establishment and continued thriving of all planting. Additional watering shall be undertaken during summer months and/or periods of drought. Post planting management and maintenance specifically for new tree planting shall include ongoing irrigation and formative pruning as outlined in BS8545. The period over which regular irrigation required for transplanted trees is likely to be at least two full growing seasons to ensure successful establishment. As the root system develops the frequency of irrigation can be reduced.

**Staking**  
All trees within soft landscape areas to be double staked with cross bar and tied, using 1.5m long, 75mm diameter rounded tree stakes 75mm brace, rubber tie and spacer block. Stakes not to extend more than 650mm above ground level. All trees within hardstanding/highways visibility splay to be clear stem to 1.5m high unless otherwise specified. Trees within hardstanding / specific pits to be underground guyed unless otherwise specified.

**Root Barriers**  
Root barriers (ReRoot 1000 or equivalent) to be included adjacent to buildings and services where necessary. Landscape contractor shall check all planting operations comply with appropriate standards and that in the absence of detailed surveys, any necessary underground investigations are undertaken to ensure there are no conflicts with existing or proposed utilities, services or foundations.

**PROTECTION OF EXISTING VEGETATION TO BE RETAINED**  
Existing trees to be retained shall be protected in accordance with BS5837, from commencement to completion of all works on site.

N.B. All planting proposals including tree planting have been developed in order to create a high quality environment and gain planning consent for the development. All tree species have been reviewed in line with NHCBC guidance (2017) and in the absence of any building foundation depths or detailed soil analysis information for the site. Where possible only low and moderate water demand species are proposed in close proximity to new buildings. A number of varied cultivars of these species as well as ornamental species that have a smaller overall mature height (which are not currently assessed within NHCBC guidance 2017) are proposed to provide variety in the scheme and engineer's should consider these locations & species. Where necessary new building foundations shall be designed to accommodate the approved tree species, site specific soil shrinkage and tree water demand in line with NHCBC standards 2017 (Chapter 4.2 - Building Near Trees). Planting plans have been prepared for planning purposes and in the absence of fully detailed ground investigations, geological or hydrological surveys and planting design or species choice may be subject to change - suitability should be confirmed on site by the landscape contractor. Detailed site specific soil analysis and suitable site drainage should be checked by landscape contractor to ensure planting can be implemented in accordance with approved drawings prior to implementation.

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Site Boundary

Proposed Multistem Trees  
Tree to be underground guyed support.

Proposed Feature Shrub

Proposed Ornamental Shrubs

Proposed Climbers  
(Fixed onto pressure-treated golden brown timber fan trellis - Dimensions: (H)1800 x (W)945 x (D)30mm.  
Supplier and Product Code: Grange; HDFAN)

Powder Coated Metal Tree Planter  
- 10mm thickness  
- 1000 mm height above path level  
- Colour orange RAL 2000  
- Size 1200x1200mm

Powder Coated Metal Planter  
- 10mm thickness  
- 400 mm height above path level  
- Colour grey RAL 7016  
- Size 750 x1500mm

Powder Coated Metal Planter  
- 10mm thickness  
- 600 mm height above path level  
- Colour black RAL 9005

A Outdoor Tennis Table  
B Aluminium Pergola  
C Seating Area  
D Herb Garden  
E Outdoor Kitchen  
F Yoga Area

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