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LANDSCAPE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

IMPLEMENTATION TIMESCALE

Planting and turfing works are to commence after building and infrastructure works are completed.

At this stage a specific date cannot be given but it will be at the first available date during the bare root planting season for the trees.

Grass and shrubs can be planted when available during the normal year and after works are complete as stated above.

Management and maintenance of the landscape scheme would commence following certified practical completion of the landscape works.

MAINTENANCE AND PLANTING DEFECTS LIABILITY

(Initial 12 months following Practical Completion)

All work shall be carried out in accordance with good horticultural and landscape management practice, and by competent, experienced and skilled operatives.

Carry out all operations necessary to ensure the establishment and continued thriving of all plant material (including grass)

GENERALLY

All operations to be carried out at appropriate seasonal times and in appropriate weather condition for the work in hand.

All planting works shall be carried out in accordance with BS 4043, BS 4428 and BS 5837.

Container grown plants may be planted at any time of year if ground and weather conditions are favourable and there is a commitment to additional establishment maintenance, watering and replacement of plant failures.

In this case it has been decided that the works to lay the grass turves can be carried out as above.

Trees and hedges will be installed in the bare root planting season.

This runs from November to the end of March.

Workmanship and materials not specified shall conform to the appropriate British Standards.

All work shall be carried out in accordance with good horticultural practice, and by competent, experienced and skilled work people.

LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE PLAN.

INTRODUCTION

The following sets out the approach to maintenance and the management of the landscape in question..

DESIGN STATEMENT

- The landscape has been designed to integrate the development into the local landscape character as well as complement the architecture of the new development in order to a distinctive sense of place.

LANDSCAPE IMPLEMENTATION & MAINTENANCE CONTRACTORS IF APPOINTED

- A water supply will be provided on site and the Contractor is responsible for maintenance and any necessary replacement of any equipment damaged by the Contractor in connection with this.
- The Contractor will not be allowed to leave anything on site which could cause a fire.
- The Contractor is responsible for all flammable materials and security of their equipment and plants at the site.
- Should during the course of maintenance the Contractor or any person associated with the Contractor directly or indirectly cause or allow to be caused any damage to any property, this damage must be repaired without delay.
- Whilst working on site the Maintenance Contractor will be required to work within the framework of all Health and Safety Legislation. To do this it may on occasion be necessary to provide protective works to safeguard the public and property. This will be at the Contractor's expense.
- The Contractor will at the request of the relevant body, provide all necessary documentation to ensure compliance with the necessary Health & Safety legislation.

GRASS AND LAWN AREAS MANAGEMENT ESTABLISHMENT & MAINTENANCE

- Maintain all grass in accordance with good practice in accordance with BS 7370-3.
- During the dormant season keep grassed areas clear of fallen leaves and other debris, to prevent the grass yellowing.
- The first cut in the spring grass should be cut no lower than 40mm with sharp grass cutter.
- If grass is under heavy shade must be allowed to seed before cutting.
- Bare patches to be re-sown using suitable grass seed.
- Any slight hollows which appear due to settlement or other causes to be top dressed, early in the growing season, with a mixture of fine compost and damp peat substitute lightly rolled in and the grass allowed to grow through before cutting.
- Generally leveling hollows and bumps to BS 7370-3 clauses 12.4 and 12.5
- In early autumn, spike the lawn using suitable, approved tools at 10cm intervals, and to the same depth to aerate it. Following this a top dressing of sand, peat and soil should be applied.
- If moss becomes a problem apply suitable and approved moss killer, following manufacturers instructions and rake out dead moss.
- Grassed areas should be fed with a slow release fertilizer in mid to late spring. This should be liquid or granular general purpose fertilizer and should be approved by the relevant body.
- If it is felt necessary all grassed areas should have a second feed of fertilizer in early in mid-autumn. This should be liquid or granular general purpose fertilizer and should be approved by the relevant body.

PLANTING GENERAL

- All beds should have a neat tidy appearance at all times.
- All plants to be watered as may be required to retain healthy growth, especially during drought.
- Soil must be checked for settlement annually and if necessary topped up.
- All planted areas including trees shall be given an application of an approved top dressing at the rate of 40 gm per sq. meter in May. This should be slow release from e.g. *Enmag* or similar.
- Where applicable, planting beds should have a clean, vertical edge between 75mm-100mm high. This should be checked and tidied during the dormant season, generally November to March

- Persistent weeds in planting beds may be treated with selective herbicide..
- If the soil in planting beds becomes compacted (all planting areas under trees should be checked annually) the soil must be aerated by pricking to aerate the soil of root areas. The soil crust must be broken to reduce soil lumps to crumb and the soil levelled. Attention must be paid so that no plants or their roots are damaged.
- Following strong winds, frost heave and other disturbances all trees and shrubs should be checked and re-firmed by treading carefully around the base

SHRUBS

Shrub planting establishment and maintenance

- Shrubs shall be annually pruned as necessary.
- Shrubs must be checked and pruned annually if encroaching on paths, obscuring windows or signs.
- After pruning shrubs, feed with approved organic fertilizer.
- All shrubs must be pruned when necessary to maintain them within the site boundary
- Once established, any support canes shall be removed from the shrubs.
- Shrub beds to be kept free of weeds at all times. All weeding is carried out by hand, using the appropriate tools.
- Paths to be kept free from overhanging obstructions to a height of 2m at all times.
- All plants shall be regularly inspected for stability and firmed as necessary at the same time. Stakes shall likewise be checked for firmness any plant ties inspected and made good if required.
- Shrubs are to be pruned to BS 7370-4 and according to Royal Horticultural Society guidelines.
- Should shrubs become too tightly packed and impenetrable it might be necessary to thin some of them in order to maintain healthy growth for the majority of shrubs. Advice and agreement should be sought from the relevant body prior to this work commencing.
- Should pests and/or diseases become prevalent, treat the plants as necessary.
- Any pruning carried out in the bird breeding season i.e. mid-March to June should be avoided, if pruning is unavoidable at this time care and attention must be paid so as not to disturb any nesting birds.

HEDGES

Hedge planting management objectives

- Hedges should be kept neat and tidy and once they have achieved the desired height they must be maintained at that height, the finished height of each hedge will be marked on planting plans and noted in planting schedules.
- Hedges must be kept healthy, thick and impenetrable.

Hedge planting establishment & maintenance

- New hedges will be inspected twice annually until they are fully established during this time they should be cut to ensure a tidy appearance and encourage even growth.
- Thinning will be carried out on a three – five year basis or as required to BS 7370-4
- The Hawthorn hedge requires pruning in March.
- Annual monitoring will be undertaken of hedgerow quality and species composition during the first five years.

NEW TREES

Trees establishment & maintenance

- The trees should be checked six monthly for the first five years following planting for signs of deterioration or distress and the appropriate actions undertaken.
- Tree stakes and supports must be inspected and adjusted as the trees establish and grow. Tree supports and ties to be removed once trees are fully established.
- Once trees have been established for five years following planting they should be checked annually for signs of deterioration or distress and the appropriate actions undertaken where a potential safety hazard is identified.
- Deciduous trees should be pruned during their dormant period, November to March.
- Prunus species should be pruned between April and July to reduce the chances of silver leaf disease.

TREES GENERALLY

- All tree work to BS 3998 and Health and Safety Executive 'Forestry and arboriculture safety leaflets.
- All trees must be watered as necessary for their establishment.
- Tree pits shall be kept free from established weeds at all times.
- All epicormic growth shall be removed off all trees to a height of 3m.
- All areas of hard standing should be kept free from overhanging branches up to a height of 2m.
- Wound bleeding should be prevented in accordance with BS 3998, clause 8
- Disease transmission should be prevented in accordance with BS 3998, clause 9 and Appendix B
- Trees should be fed with a suitable fertilizer annually.