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HEDGEROW PLANTING
PLANTING AND ESTABLISHMENT

Hedging plants should be small bushy transplants (450mm or 18"), using native species that are indigenous to the local area. In order to reduce competition from weed and grass growth spray or rotovate the hedgeline prior to planting. Plant five shrubs of the same species in a staggered row per linear metre Mulch the base of the hedge after planting to keep the moisture in the soil and reduce weed competition. When the new hedge is establishing itself protect it from rabbits. When established carry out annual 'A' cut in October.

NATIVE HEDGEROW PLANTING PATTERN - DOUBLE STAGGERED ROW

Plants should be 450mm (18") transplants, planted in a double-staggered row 300mm (12") apart in groups of five of the same species. Planting should be undertaken from November to March in weed-free soil, and mulched after planting to keep down competition.

Hawthorn 70% - Crataegus monogyna
Field Maple - Acer campestre
Hazel - Corylus avellana
Blackthorn - Prunus spinosa
Ash - Fraxinus excelsior

NATIVE TREES AND SHRUBS
MAINTENANCE

Trees and shrubs to be maintained, for five years after planting. Weeding for the first few years in order to prevent young trees and shrubs being smothered and to reduce competition for water and nutrients. It is important that all planted areas are kept weed free until they become established. To ensure weed growth is adequately controlled the bases of trees and shrubs in grass areas to be kept clear for at least half a metre from around the plant, mulch immediately on planting for weed control and a suitable granular herbicide may need to be applied to all areas after planting.

Proposed trees to be planted with native tree and shrub mix. All pits to be prepared with two-thirds volume topsoil and one-third volume peat free tree and shrub planting compost. Transplants / container grown plants to be planted into prepared 300 x 300 x 300mm pits, light standard trees to be planted in 600 x 600 x 600mm prepared pit. All transplants and standard trees to be protected with 600mm plastic spiral rabbit guard. Feathered trees to be staked with single short stake. All tree planting heights 600-900 mm whips.

TREES

Ash - Fraxinus excelsior
Hazel - Cory avellana
White Willow - Salix alba

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