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30 year landscape management plan

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1. Introduction

This Landscape Management Plan sets out the management and maintenance responsibilities for all soft landscape areas. The management and maintenance responsibilities are to be carried out in accordance with the details in this document. This Landscape Management plan, as per government guidance is to be read in conjunction with the landscape plan.

2. Management Responsibilities & Objectives

The management and maintenance responsibilities will run for a minimum of 30 years, commencing on the date of practical completion. At the end of the 30-year establishment period it is recommended that the management operations in this document are reviewed. This will allow for sustainable long-term management of the landscape.

At the end of every 5 years, the landowner needs to report to the council on the health and existing condition of all habitats, including hedgerows and trees. If any need replacing they should be done during the appropriate time of year.

All soft landscaping should be carried out in the planting season October to March.

- Maintain soft landscape areas as specified in this document
- Replace any trees or plants that die within a period of 30 years from the date of practical completion
- Ensure early establishment and healthy growth of all newly planted shrubs, trees and herbaceous planting
- Ensure long term health of all plant stock
- Ensure horticultural practices are followed
- Maximise the ecological benefit where appropriate
- Ensure health & safety practices followed
- Ensure risk assessments are undertaken prior to undertaking maintenance operations

Management of the existing / enhanced / created habitats post construction are to be the responsibility of the land owner or the developer unless otherwise stated. This 30 year landscape management plan begins once the development is completed. Landowners must maintain the enhanced habitat for at least the length of the 30 years.

3. Project Information

Project type – Residential

Total Site Area – 0.084 Ha

Total Units – 6

4. Context

This 30 year landscape management plan is based on the government's guidance and The Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan Template (HMMPT). It is designed to complement Statutory Biodiversity Metric calculation tool.

5. Accompanying Plans & Documents

The below plans are to be read in conjunction with this document;

- 748 – 1 – Landscape Plan – 91b The Crescent
- 748 – 2 – Biodiversity Habitats Plan – 91b The Crescent
- 748 – 3 – BNG Metric – 91b The Crescent

6. BNG Hierarchy

6.1 - Avoid Adverse Effects – The existing site consisted of an area of modified grassland as well as four individual trees at various sizes.

6.2 - Mitigate Unavoidable Effects – New lawn and a diverse planting palette has been proposed as well as hedgerows, greenroofs and new small trees to help mitigate the biodiversity lost on the site. Ecological improvements throughout the site.

6.3 - Enhance On-Site Habitats – N/A

6.4 - Create New On-Site Habitats – New habitats have been created to improve the quality of ecological value of the site. This includes new planting, hedgerows, new native small trees and greenroofs.

6.5 - Secure Off-Site Biodiversity Units – 1.20 A1 habitat units are required to be purchased from a local supplier.

6.6 - Purchase Biodiversity Credits – N/A

7. Creation of Habitats

CREATION OF HABITATS		
Habitat/Feature Type	Target Condition	Habitat Creation or Enhancement and Management Prescriptions
Urban – Vegetated Garden	Condition Assessment N/A	There are no Specific requirements for this habitat type. Use your professional judgement to select appropriate species for planting
Urban – Introduced Shrub	Condition Assessment N/A	There are no Specific requirements for this habitat type. Use your professional judgement to select appropriate species for planting
Urban – Other Greenroof	Condition Assessment N/A	- A variety of flower species attracting insects like bees and butterflies and other wildlife. Plants are appropriately selected according to the size and design of the green roof. The different plants produce flowers during different times of year, providing nectar through the seasons. - Mostly of native species. - Where non-native plant species are present, they are not harmful to wildlife. The planting mix would exclude invasive non-native species (INNS). If INNS are present, they cover less than 5% of the total area.
Individual Trees - Urban Trees	Poor	Native tree species. - Protected from damage caused by human activities, such as inappropriate management or vandalism. - The tree can grow to at least 75% of its expected canopy area in relation to its age, height and species, In addition to the above measures for moderate condition, Urban Trees in good condition will show: Individual Trees: - The tree is mature, with enough space around it to enable it to reach a mature height, in relation to the species of tree.

8. Management and Enhancement of Habitats

8.1 Tree Planting Maintenance

NEW TREES

Operation	Frequency	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Inspect monthly to assess health	Years 1 - 5												
Inspect after major storms to assess health	As required												
Remove weeds around base of tree	As required												
Apply slow release fertiliser	Years 1-3												
Pruning to remove dead, damaged or diseased growth	As required												
Prune to maintain habit, form and promote healthy growth	Annually												
Watering during establishment period*	Year 1												
Mulch around base to 75mm	Annually												
Check and adjust stakes and ties	Years 1-3												
Remove stakes and ties	Year 4												
Replace any trees that die in the next planting season	Years 1-5												

*Water all trees if there has been no rainfall for 14 consecutive days during the establishment period. Each tree to receive 20L of water per visit. If mains water is unavailable, freshwater delivery should be arranged using a bowser

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8.2 Shrub Planting Maintenance

NEW SHRUBS													
Operation	Frequency	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Remove weeds around base	As required												
Apply slow release fertiliser	Years 1-3												
Pruning to remove dead, damaged or diseased growth	As required												
Prune to maintain habit, form and promote healthy growth	Annually												
Watering during establishment period	Year 1												
Mulch around base to 75mm	Annually												
Replace any shrubs that die in the next planting season	Years 1-30												
Maintain shrubs in visibility splays to below 600mm	As required												

8.3 Hedgerow Maintenance

NEW HEDGEROWS													
Operation	Frequency	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Remove weeds around base of hedgerow	As required												
Apply slow release fertiliser	Years 1-3												
Pruning to remove dead, damaged or diseased growth	As required												
Prune to maintain habit, form and promote healthy growth	Annually												
Watering during establishment period	Year 1												
Mulch around base to 75mm	Annually												
Check and adjust stakes / canes and ties	Years 1-3												
Remove stakes / canes and ties	Year 4												
Replace any shrubs that die in the next planting season	Years 1-30												
Maintain hedges in visibility splays to below 600mm	As required												

8.4 Herbaceous Planting Maintenance

NEW HERBACEOUS PLANTING													
Operation	Frequency	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Remove weeds around base	As required												
Apply slow release fertiliser	Years 1-3												
Pruning to remove dead, damaged or diseased growth	As required												
Deadhead plants after flowering	As required												
Cut back flowering spikes	Annually												
Watering during establishment period	Year 1												
Mulch around base to 75mm	Annually												
Replace any plants that die in the next planting season	Years 1-30												
Maintain plants in visibility splays to below 600mm	As required												

8.5 Amenity Lawn Maintenance

AMENITY LAWN													
Operation	Frequency	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Watering during establishment period	Year 1												
Fertilise lawn	Annually												
Remove any unwanted weeds	As required												
Dethatch lawn	Annually												
Re-seed any bare or sparse areas	As required												
Aerate soil to alleviate soil compaction	Annually												
Mow lawn at a height of 25-40mm	Annually												

8.6 Greenroof Maintenance

GREEN ROOF													
Operation	Frequency	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Replace any planting/wildflower/features that die	As required												
Apply slow release fertiliser	Years 1-3												
Pruning to remove dead, damaged or diseased growth	As required												
Prune any vegetation that encroaches on drainage outlets	Annually												
Watering during establishment period / any dry period	Annually												
Remove unwanted leaf matter	As required												
Strim back any wildflowers to 50-70mm to encourage growth	Years 1-30												
Apply fertiliser	Years 1-30												
Replace any shrubs that die in the next planting season	Years 1-30												
Only remove weeds if become invasive	As required												

9. Risk Register and Proposed Remedial Measures

Risk Register and Proposed Remedial Measures			
Risk Factor	Habitat/Hedgerow/Watercourse Type	Trigger for Action	Remedial Measure
Drought	Vegetated Gardens, Hedgerows, Trees	Long periods of dry and hot weather with very minimal rainfall	Ensure sufficient watering is taking place during this period, especially newly planted trees within the first 6 months. Replace any species if necessary