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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 – 294.93 m²

Total Units – 2

4. Context – Small Sites Metric

This 30 year landscape management plan is based on the government's guidance and The Small Sites Metric Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan Template (SSM HMMPT). It is designed to complement The Small Sites Metric (Statutory Biodiversity Metric) (SSM) calculation tool. The SSM calculation tool can only be applied to 'small sites' as defined in The Small Sites Metric (Statutory Biodiversity Metric) User Guide (Department for Environmental Food & Rural Affairs, 2024).

This means:

- residential development where the number of dwellings is between 1 and 9 on a site of an area 1 hectare or less, or if the number of dwellings is unknown, the site area is less than 0.5 hectares, or
- commercial development where floor space created is less than 1,000 square metres or total site area is less than 1 hectare, or
- development that is not the winning and working of minerals or the use of land for mineral-working deposits, or
- development that is not waste development

It is not possible to use the SSM, and SSM HMMPT, on all sites defined as 'small sites'. The following criteria also need to be met to use the SSM:

- where only the habitats available in the SSM are present on-site
- where no priority habitats are present on-site (except some hedgerows and arable field margins that are medium distinctiveness)
- where no statutory protected sites or habitats are present
- where no European protected species are present

5. Accompanying Plans & Documents

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

- 543 – 1 – Landscape Plan – 169 Underwood Road
- 543 – 2 – Biodiversity Habitats Plan – 169 Underwood Road
- 543 – 3 – BNG Metric – 169 Underwood Road

6. Creation, Enhancement and Management of Habitats

CREATION, ENHANCEMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF HABITATS		
Habitat/Feature Type	Target Condition	Habitat Creation or Enhancement and Management Prescriptions
Urban – Vegetated Garden	Good	There are no Specific requirements for this habitat type. Use your professional judgement to select appropriate species for planting
Urban Trees	Moderate	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.
Native Hedgerow	Moderate, Good	At least 80% native woody species.

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7. 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