



SPECIFICATION NOTES

1. **General.**
This plan to be read in conjunction with the following documents:
- Risk Register by terra firma
- Ecological Appraisal and Protected Species Surveys by Lindsay Carrington Ecological Services
- Arboricultural report by Barrell Tree Consultancy

2. **General landscaping.**
i. Existing levels to be preserved around existing trees and vegetation. Existing trees and vegetation to be retained are to be protected in accordance with BS5837: 2012 during construction or as detailed in Tree Protection Plan.
ii. All landscape works to be undertaken by competent persons, with appropriate training and equipment.
iii. All arisings to be removed from site at contractor's expense unless noted otherwise. (e.g. woodchip, gravel, topsoil, timber sleepers).

3. **Services.**
The contractor must ascertain for himself/herself the exact location of underground services before commencing work.

4. **Soil Materials Generally.**
i. Purity: Soils shall be free from roots, stolons, rhizomes, propagules of perennial or invasive weeds: couch grass, bindweed, docks, Japanese knotweed, giant hogweed and horsehairmosses (Equisetum arvense).
ii. Foreign matter: On visual inspection, free from non-soil material, brick and other building materials and wastes, sharps, and any other foreign matter or material or substance that would render the soil or soil ameliorant unsuitable for use.
iii. Contamination: Do not use topsoil, subsoil, sand or compost contaminated with rubbish or other materials that are:
- Corrosive, explosive or flammable;
- Hazardous to human or animal life;
- Detrimental to healthy plant growth.
iv. Give notice: If any evidence or symptoms of soil contamination are discovered on the site or in topsoil, subsoil, sand or compost or other planting media to be used.

5. **Soil handling and depths.**
Management of soils to be in accordance with the Construction Code of Practice for the Sustainable Use of Soils on Construction Sites
i. Topsoil and subsoil to be handled (i.e. excavated and/or imported, stored, spread, cultivated) in accordance with method agreed in writing by Landscape Architect prior to work commencing. All topsoil and subsoil areas shall be thoroughly cultivated by hand or suitable machinery to the full depth of the topsoil layer, incorporating ameliorants as required. If compaction is suspected in sub-grade, subsoil or topsoil surfaces, these should be ripped as necessary to decompact and ensure adequate drainage.
ii. Hand cultivations shall be carried out to achieve the required finish on areas where machine cultivation is impossible ie adjacent to kerbs, manholes and footpath junctions, around retained trees etc. Surplus plant matter, rubbish and surface stones having any dimension greater than 25 mm shall be collected and removed from the site. Topsoil and subsoil to be stored in heaps, maximum of 2m in height, providing soil is reasonably dry and friable during stripping and handling - using a tracked excavator. To protect from wet weather once final height is achieved, an excavator should regrade the sides and top of stockpile to firm surface by tracking across it to form a smooth gradient.
iii. Final topsoil depth (allowing for settlement) to be 300mm for tree pits and general planting areas and 150mm for grass. Finished soil levels to be 25mm above/below adjoining paving or kerbs: not less than 150mm below gpc of adjoining buildings; shrub areas to be higher than adjoining grass areas by 25 mm. Topsoil to be spread in lightly compacted layers, max. 150mm depth, gently firm each layer before spreading the next.

6. **Plant handling and establishment.**
Plant handling shall be in accordance with 'Handling and establishing landscape plants', published by the CPSE through the JCL1. The contractor shall comply with Part 3 Recommendations for plant handling from delivery to site to ensure successful establishment.

7. **General planting notes.**
Details for tree, hedge and general planting to be finalised once final site conditions are known (i.e. compaction and permeability of ground). General plant stock to conform to BS 3936, advanced nursery stock to BS 8545, and planting to BS 4428. Plants shall be first class examples of their species or variety, free from all pests and diseases, with good fibrous root systems and materially undamaged. All planting operations to be in general compliance with BS4428: 'Code of Practice for general landscape operations'.
Only carry out all planting while soil and weather conditions are suitable:
- 40s not plant during periods of frost or strong winds. Plant only during the following periods:
- Deciduous and conifer trees: Late October to late March (rootball and bare root)
- Container grown plants: At any time if ground and weather conditions are favourable. Ensure that adequate watering is provided
- Bulbs: September/October
Setting out of planting beds to be approved by Landscape Architect before work commences. Ensure that plant beds are neatly defined, and rise from adjacent paved areas as specified above. All tree pits, tree circles in lawn and planting beds are to be mulched with approved bark mulch to 75mm depth after planting.

8. **Tree planting**
Any proposed substitutions of species shown on plan to be approved by landscape architect prior to planting. Details for tree planting to comply with BS8545. As a guide all trees to be planted in square pits with base undisturbed unless drainage / compaction problems known. Plant at a depth where the root flare is clearly visible at the soil surface. Where trees have been supplied with the root flare too deep excess soil or fibrous root growth should be removed before planting. All trees to have 'Piddler' tree irrigation/aeration system installed as supplied by Platipus 01737 762300 www.platipus-anchors.com or approved equivalent. Water-in heavily after planting and mulch surface, ensuring mulch is not in contact with trunk of tree. Trees support to comply with BS 8545: Bare root trees to have a single upright stake, RB or CG trees to have double stake and bridge with adjustable tie; multi stemmed trees or trees on slopes to have angled single stake with adjustable tie; in windy locations or for large trees, install wired guying. Trees to be underground guyed shall have suitable guying systems installed as supplied by Platipus 01737 762300 www.platipus-anchors.com or approved equivalent. Any necessary remedial tree works are to be carried out by an approved tree surgeon to BS 3998. Trees planted within grass areas to be set in mulched earth circles, 1m diameter around tree trunk, with turf trimmed neatly to form circle.
i. Trees up to 20cm girth:
- Depth of tree pits to be the same as the rootball and with overall width to be 150mm wider than the diameter of the rootball (75mm min. from rootball edge to tree pit side). Pits to be backfilled with 300mm depth of specified topsoil over subsoil as per spec.

9. **Hedges.**
Depth of planting trench to be same as rootball, overall width 150mm wider than rootball (75mm min. from rootball edge to sides of trench). Trench to be backfilled with 300mm depth of specified topsoil over subsoil as per spec. Fertiliser to be incorporated as required to ensure establishment and continued thriving of plants - type and application rate to be determined by analysis. 1m ht central post and wire supporting to be provided with two line wires and plants to be tied in using horticultural plastic ties. On planting, hedges to be trimmed to height specified on plan and sides trimmed to neat shape where necessary.

10. **Native hedges.**
Species to be randomly mixed for natural effect, and planted in groups of 3-5 plants of any one species. Depth of planting trench to be same as root system, overall width space 150mm wider than root system (75mm min. from root system edge to sides of trench). Trench to be backfilled with 300mm depth of specified topsoil over subsoil as per spec. Provide and install each plant with an appropriate sized recyclable slatted green shrub shelter (available from Tubex Ltd, phone 01621 874201 or similar approved). Position shelter stake on windward side of plant, drive vertically into bottom of pit before planting, to a min. depth of 300mm and consolidate backfill material around stake; attach shelter to stake with a minimum of two ties.

11. **Native tree and shrub mixes.**
All plants to be planted in cultivated planting beds with species randomly mixed for natural effect, and planted in groups of 3-5 plants of any one species. Plants to be notch- or pit-planted. Plant on grid at spacing given in schedule. Provide and install each plant with an appropriate sized recyclable slatted green tree or shrub shelter (available from Tubex Ltd phone 01621 874201 or similar approved). Position shelter stake on windward side of plant, drive vertically into bottom of pit before planting, to a min. depth of 300mm and consolidate backfill material around stake; attach shelter to stake with a minimum of two ties.

12. **Specimen Shrubs.**
Depth of planting pit to be same as rootball, overall width space 100mm wider than rootball (50mm min. from rootball edge to sides of pit). Pit to be backfilled with 300mm depth of specified topsoil over subsoil as per spec. Fertiliser to be incorporated as required to ensure establishment and continued thriving of plants - type and application rate to be determined by analysis.

13. **Shrub and Ground Cover Planting.**
All plants to be planted into cultivated planting beds (with 300mm depth specified topsoil) at densities shown in plant schedule, backfilled with same topsoil. Fertiliser to be incorporated as required to ensure establishment and continued thriving of plants - type and application rate to be determined by analysis.

14. **Climbers and wall shrubs.**
All climbers to be planted as 19. above and provided with steel line wires attached to the wall/fence (min 3 no.) at 300mm vertical spacing with climbers spread out and tied to wires using appropriate horticultural ties. Fertiliser to be incorporated as required to ensure establishment and continued thriving of plants - type and application rate to be determined by analysis.

15. **Bulb planting.**
All bulbs to be planted at the rate given in the schedule, in random mixed drifts of single species in areas indicated on the plan, minimum 15 bulbs per drift of single species. For planting, naturalize bulb positions by dropping bulbs from waist height. Neatly remove a plug of turf and replace after planting. Plant so that the top of the bulb is at a depth of approximately twice its height with base in contact with bottom of hole. Bulbs should be no closer together than approximately twice the width of a single bulb.

16. **Grass.**
Turfing and seeding shall be carried out only during appropriate seasons and while soil and weather conditions are suitable for the relevant operations. Only machinery and tools suitable for the site conditions and the work to be carried out shall be used. Hand tools shall be used around trees,

plants and in confined spaces where it is impractical to use machinery. The soil shall be weed free prior to turfing and seeding. Contact herbicide as specified should be applied to all areas of weed growth 4-6 weeks before grassing and repeated if necessary to maintain a weed free bed. Where deep rooted weeds are present (docks, thistles etc.) approved Glyphosate-based herbicide should be applied as a spot treatment. Turf or seed shall be laid on prepared, leveled soil (minimum 150mm depth) in the areas indicated on the drawings in accordance with BS 4428:1989 'Code of practice for general landscape operations'. All grass areas to be approved landscape quality turf for general amenity areas or lawn turf for garden areas, or equivalent seed.

17. **Species-rich grass.**
Establish seed mix & soil requirements from supplier.

18. **Root barrier.**
Root barrier system to be used in locations determined by engineers in order to protect services. To be supplied by GreenBlue Urban 01424 717797 or other approved supplier. Thickness, size and depth of installation of root barrier to be to manufacturer's recommendations for particular circumstances.

19. **Maintenance.**
Establishment maintenance for all planting for 5 years from Practical Completion to include weed control, watering and replacement of failures to original specification in the planting season following failure.
- All plant material to receive annual pruning and hedges and groundcover to be trained and edged with minimum 2 trims per year.
- Check tree stakes and ties annually and after strong winds.
- Check shrub shelters at least twice annually to remove weeds and any soil build up inside tube. Shelters to be removed in year 3 and recycled.
- Native shrubs plants to be trimmed during winter just after planting, then twice annually in summer and autumn to encourage lower branching and dense growth.
- Lawn & amenity grass areas - Mowing is to be carried out using approved machinery to maintain the vegetation length within the limits of 30 mm and 50 mm during April to August inclusive and between 50 mm and 70 mm during the rest of the year.
- Species-rich grassland. Meadow grass areas where left un-mown to receive a main summer hay cut in combination with autumn and spring mow. Leave grass to flower from spring through to late July/Aug to give sown species the opportunity to flower. After flowering carry out a 'hay' cut with a strimmer to 50mm. Leave 'hay' to dry and shed seed for 1-7 days then remove from site. Mow regrowth through to late autumn to 50mm and again in spring as needed.

2456 Native Scrub
49 No. Betu_pend
66 No. Crat_mono
66 No. Ilex_aqui
49 No. Malu_sylv
49 No. Prun_spin
49 No. Sal_capr

1 No. Acer_camp
1 No. Ulmu_pro
1 No. Ulmu_New
1 No. Cory_avel
1 No. Cory_avel
1 No. Ulmu_New
1 No. Betu_pend
13.66m Native Hedgerow Mix
9 No. Acer_camp
9 No. Cory_avel
14 No. Crat_mono
3 No. Ilex_aqui
11 No. Prun_spin
11 No. Vibu_opul

1 No. Magn_Galaxy

Structural Planting

Abbreviation	Species	Specification	Density	Qty
Acer_camp	Acer campestre	14-16cm girth; 4-4.5m ht; RB or CG	13 No.	
Alnu_glut	Alnus glutinosa	12-14cm girth; 3-5.4m ht; RB or CG	9 No.	
Amel_lama	Amelanchier lamarckii	10-12cm girth; 3.0-3.5m ht; RB or CG	1 No.	
Betu_Fasc	Betula albosinensis 'Fascination'	10-12cm girth; 3.0-3.5m ht; RB or CG	7 No.	
Betu_pend	Betula pendula	14-16cm girth; 4.0-4.5m ht; RB or CG	7 No.	
Cory_avel	Corylus avellana	10-12cm girth; 3.0-3.5m ht; RB or CG	8 No.	
Magn_Galaxy	Magnolia 'Galaxy'	12-14cm girth; 3.5-4.0m ht; RB or CG	3 No.	
Malu_sylv	Malus sylvestris	10-12cm girth; 3.0-3.5m ht; RB or CG	1 No.	
Prunus_Sun Blvd	Prunus 'Sunset Boulevard'	12-14cm girth; 3.5-4m ht; RB or CG	2 No.	
Prun_aviu	Prunus avium	12-14cm girth; 3.5-4m ht; RB or CG	3 No.	
Prun_avium Plena	Prunus avium 'Plena'	12-14cm girth; 3.5-4m ht; RB or CG	3 No.	
Prun_pedu_Alberti	Prunus pedunculata 'Alberti'	12-14cm girth; 3.5-4m ht; RB or CG	4 No.	
Prun_Sub_Aur	Prunus subhirtella 'Autumnalis Rosea'	12-14cm girth; 3.5-4m ht; RB or CG	1 No.	
Quercus rob	Quercus robur	14-16cm girth; 4.0-4.5m ht; RB or CG	3 No.	
Ulmu_New	Ulmus 'New Horizon'	12-14cm girth; 3.5-4.0m ht; RB or CG	5 No.	
Ulmu_pro	Ulmus procera	12-14cm girth; 3.5-4m ht; Br or CG	1 No.	

Native Specimen Shrubs

Abbreviation	Species	Specification	Density	Qty
Com_sang	Cornus sanguinea	CG; 10L; Bushy; 4 breaks	Counted	4 No.
Cory_avel	Corylus avellana	CG; 10L; Bushy; 4 Breaks	Counted	2 No.
Vibu_lant	Viburnum lantana	CG; 10L; Bushy; 4 Breaks	Counted	2 No.

Clipped Hedges

Abbreviation	Species	Specification	Density	Qty
Esca_hvey	Escallonia 'hvey'	CG; 10L; 60-80cm ht	3m	92 No.
Fagu_sylv	Fagus sylvatica	CG; 3L; 80-100cm ht	0.5Cr Double Staggered at 0.25m offset	1148 No.
Ilex_aqui	Ilex aquifolium	CG; 10L; 60-80cm ht	3m	199 No.

Native Hedgerow Mix

Abbreviation	Species	Specification	Density	Percentage Contribution	Number
Acer_camp	Acer campestre	80-100cm ht whips	0.5Cr Double Staggered at 0.25m offset	15%	149 No.
Cory_avel	Corylus avellana	80-100cm ht whips	0.5Cr Double Staggered at 0.25m offset	15%	149 No.
Crat_mono	Crataegus monogyna	80-100cm ht whips	0.5Cr Double Staggered at 0.25m offset	25%	246 No.
Ilex_aqui	Ilex aquifolium	3L CG	0.5Cr Double Staggered at 0.25m offset	5%	54 No.
Prun_spin	Prunus spinosa	80-100cm ht whips	0.5Cr Double Staggered at 0.25m offset	20%	198 No.
Vibu_opul	Viburnum opulus	80-100cm ht whips	0.5Cr Double Staggered at 0.25m offset	20%	198 No.
Total					994 No.

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Abbreviation	Species	Specification	Density	Percentage Contribution	Number
Betu_pend	Betula pendula	1+1; Transplant - seed raised; Branched; 3 brks; B	11m²	15%	241 No.
Crat_mono	Crataegus monogyna	1+1; Transplant - seed raised; Branched; 4 brks; C	11m²	20%	322 No.
Ilex_aqui	Ilex aquifolium	Branched; 4 brks; C	11m²	20%	322 No.
Malu_sylv	Malus sylvestris	1+1; Transplant - seed raised; Branched; 4 brks; C	11m²	15%	241 No.
Prun_spin	Prunus spinosa	Branched; 5 brks; C	11m²	15%	241 No.
Sal_capr	Salix caprea	1+1; Transplant - seed raised; Branched; 4 brks; C	11m²	15%	241 No.
Total					1608 No.

0m 5m 10m north

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- Also refer to latest Engineers drawings by the Civil Engineering Practice, (including 2383-200 series (Drainage Layout), 2383-300 series (Surface Finishes), and 2383-400 series (Levels Layout)).

Site boundary

Existing tree to be retained and protected in accordance with BS 5837:2012 - refer to SJA TCP NL 23221-012 (Tree Retention and Removals Plan) and accompanying Arboricultural Report by SJA/Trees.

Proposed Trees

Proposed Shrubs

Public Realm Planting

Ornamental planting to private front gardens

Clipped Hedge

Climbers

Bulb Planting

Mowed Grass

Wildflower planting

Native hedge

Native scrub to boundaries

Damp Tolerant Wildflowers

Reeds

LAP (specialist design to follow)

Benches

Timber Boardwalk

Raised Planting Bed

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P02	24.10.24	EF	MH	Amendments in relation with final engineers drawing
P01	17.10.24	EF	MH	Initial submission version
P00	24.09.24	NC	MH	Final issue
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