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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 – 0.25 Ha

Total Units – 0

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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;

- 635 – 1 – Landscape Plan – Springfield Cottage
- 635 – 2 – Biodiversity Habitats Plan – Springfield Cottage
- 635 – 3 – BNG Metric – Springfield Cottage

6. Creation of Habitats

CREATION OF HABITATS		
Habitat/Feature Type	Target Condition	Habitat Creation or Enhancement and Management Prescriptions
Grassland – Other Neutral Grassland	Moderate	• A minimum of 9 native plant species (grasses, sedges and wildflowers) per square metre on average, created or enhanced through, ○ soil testing to check habitat will be on neutral¹, low fertility² soils, informing the grassland design and species suitability ○ sowing a species-rich, native grassland seed mix with wildflowers, or by spreading greenhay from a local donor site providing appropriate species for the location. • Wildflowers (and may include sedges) growing over at least 20% of the habitat area. • Less than 30% of grassland covered by perennial ryegrass <i>Lolium perenne</i> and white clover <i>Trifolium pratense</i> combined. • A diverse range of native grasses and wildflower species managed to prevent the more dominant species to avoid³ taking over the grassland. • Less than 5% scrub and less than 20% bracken cover. • Free from invasive non-native plant species as listed on Schedule 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981). • Protection from physical damage so that bare ground and other signs of damage (e.g. excessive littering) covers below 5% of the total area. Grassland subject to excessive damage through regular footfall, such as in car parks or in front of building entrances, is unlikely to achieve this habitat type.

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.
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7. Management and Enhancement of Habitats

7.1 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												

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7.2 Wildflower Meadow Maintenance

WILDFLOWER MEADOW													
Operation	Frequency	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Sow seed into weed free soil with low fertility	Year 1												
Mow lawn at a height of 40-60mm	Year 1												
Remove any unwanted weeds without disturbing the soil	As required												
Remove any loose plant matter to keep the soil fertility low	As required												
Re-seed any bare or sparse areas	Annually												
Check for sheltering wildlife before cutting lawn	As required												
Mow lawn at a height of 70mm	Years 2-5												

8. 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