



PLANTING / SEEDING

Weed control
 If there is a delay between ground preparations and planting/seeding/turfing, soil areas will be cleared of any recent weed growth and any other waste material that may have strayed into the soft landscape areas. The soil surface and any areas of compaction will be re-cultivated as necessary to produce a fine tilth before planting/seeding/turfing. Chemical weed control to assist in this process will be restricted to that stated above.

Seed bed preparation
 Coarse sand / grit will be added if necessary following initial ground preparation to achieve adequate surface drainage. The surface will be raked, levelled and firmed to a fine tilth to receive the new seed bed and ensure good contact between roots and soil. Any large stones, roots or clods of earth greater than 30mm in any direction will be removed. A base fertiliser will be applied to the manufacturer's rates 3-5 days prior to seeding. The prepared soil will be watered to saturation point 48 hours before seeding.

Lawn seed areas
 To be seeded March/April or September. A19 General purpose seed mix supplied by Geminal to be sowed at a rate of 35 grams per sq. m. Once seeded the seed bed is to be rolled with an appropriate sized roller to create seed to soil contact. Seed bed to be watered as required to stimulate germination and subsequently to ensure healthy growth. First cut to be when it has reached 10-15cm height with blades set to trim off only the top 1/3rd. Subsequent cuts to be gradually reduced in height until the desired height of around 4cm is achieved.

Plants and plant handling
 All plant material is to be of good quality stock, size in accordance with the specification and in a healthy condition: free from pest, disease and weed growth in accordance with BS3836 and HTA National Plant Specification. Any British Native species shall be of British origin, of local seed stock wherever possible and from sustainable seed sources. Plants will be handled in accordance with BS4428 and HTA code for Plant Handling and Establishment of Landscape Plants to ensure that transit, any storage, handling on site and planting operations preserve and promote the condition of the stock. Trees and tree handling will be in accordance with BS8545:2014 Trees: from nursery to independence in the landscape - Recommendations.

Planting generally
 A suitable compost will be incorporated at a rate of 50 ltrs/m2 into cultivated ground. Plants to be evenly spaced throughout allotted planting areas, at densities as specified. Planting mixes to be laid out with species randomly distributed throughout allotted planting areas. Planting will be carried out in accordance to the HTA code stated above and into planting holes/pits slightly larger than the growing container/root spread, with sides and bottom of pits loosened as necessary to ensure adequate drainage and to allow normal root growth. Digging of planting pits/holes within the spread of retained trees will be carried out with care not to damage significant tree roots and if necessary planting locations will be adjusted accordingly. Climbers will be provided with suitable climbing aids depending on the climbing mechanism of the particular plant (wall attaching climbers will require no structural aids whereas twining and scrambling climbers will require wire or other means of support). Each plant will be thoroughly watered before and after planting, on the day of planting. All bare root planting to be carried out only during the winter planting season between mid-November and the end of February. All container grown tree planting to be carried out in September.

Native hedge planting set out
 All native mix hedging is to be set out as a double staggered row with plants at 450mm centres along each row and rows 300mm apart.

Specimen Tree Planting
 Tree planting will be in accordance with BS8545:2014 Trees: from nursery to independence in the landscape - Recommendations. Tree pits will be excavated squares to a width and depth required to accommodate the entire root system without pruning or bending. In the case of container grown or root balled trees the planting pit will be at least 15cm wider in dimensions than the root-ball. The sides and bottom of tree pits will be loosened as necessary to ensure adequate drainage and allow normal root growth. The tree pit will be watered thoroughly prior to planting. The back fill material will be topped with a suitable tree fertiliser added in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations. Tree support will be double stake and bait ties for bare root trees within the extra heavy standard size categories and smaller trees if container grown or root ball stock. Following planting all trees will be thoroughly watered and then as necessary during the first summer season to ensure healthy growth.

Mulch
 On completion of planting operations all planting areas, including formal hedge strips and tree pits are to be spread with well-composted ornamental grade (15-65mm) bark mulch to an even thickness of 100mm. Tree pit mulch areas are to be no less than 1m diameter circles. For native field hedges a 1m wide photodegradable/biodegradable polythene weed control sheet (2 year minimum performance requirement) will be laid during planting and secured in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

Rabbit protection
 All hedge plants will be protected with 600mm high photodegradable plastic netting guards designed to split as the stem of the growing tree/shrub expands. These will be 170-200mm diameter for shrub species and 80-110mm diameter for trees. All to be installed and secured in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

KEY	
F1	- 1.8M CLOSEBOARDED FENCING , CONCRETE POSTS.
F2	- 1.8M HIGH CLOSE BOARDED FENCE WITH 300MM TRELLIS ON TOP
F3	- 0.6 HIGH DIAMOND TIMBER POST AND RAIL FENCE

Ecology

The implementation of the ecology measures to be carried out as part of the construction of each house. The elements relating to each house will be completed with that house prior to handover

The maintenance of the bat boxes, bird boxes and hedgehog homes become the responsibility of the owners of each house who will be provided with guidance. Information sheets will be provided with each handover pack

Bat Boxes
 Low maintenance boxes are fitted. Owners to be advised that maintenance, if required, is only to be undertaken by a licenced bat worker.

Bird Boxes
 Owners will be advised to maintain boxes in accordance with guidance issued by RSPB.

- [SF] Schwegler 1FR Bat tube
- [IB] Ibstock Enclosed Bat Box 'C'
- [SW] Ibstock Eco-Habitat Swift Box
- [ST] Schwegler Sparrow terrace
- [HH] Hedgehog / Small mammal opening through fence

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

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