

Planting Spec Notes:

SITE CLEARANCE GENERALLY

- General: Remove rubbish, concrete, metal, glass, decayed vegetation and contaminated
- Topsoil
- Stones: Remove those with any dimension exceeding 50 mm.
- Contamination: Remove material containing toxins, pathogens or other extraneous substances harmful to plant, animal or human life.
- Vegetation: Clear scrub to ground level by flail mowing and remove arisings; retain and protect trees indicated on drawings.
- Large roots: Grub up and dispose of without undue disturbance of soil and adjacent areas.
- Additional requirements: Clear all weeds and debris.

TREES TO BE RETAINED

- None

SOIL CONDITIONS

- Soil for cultivating and planting: Moist, friable and (except in aquatic/ marginal planting) not waterlogged.
- Frozen or snow covered soil: Give notice before planting. Provide additional root protection.
- Prevent planting pit sides and bases and backfill materials from freezing.

CLIMATIC CONDITIONS

- General: Carry out the work while soil and weather conditions are suitable.
- Strong winds: Do not plant.

TIMES OF YEAR FOR PLANTING

- Deciduous trees and shrubs: Late October to late March.
- Evergreens: September/ October or April/May.
- Herbaceous plants (including marginal): September/ October or March/ April.
- Container grown plants: At any time if ground and weather conditions are favourable.
- Watering and weed control: Provide as necessary.
- Wildflower Turf: Late August to mid November or March/ April.
- Aquatic plants: May/ June or September/ October.

REGULAR PLANT LAYOUT TO ALL BEDS

- Spacing: In regular, staggered rows.
- Density: As plant schedule.

PLANTS/ TREES - GENERAL

- Condition: Materially undamaged, sturdy, healthy and vigorous
- Appearance: Of good shape and without elongated shoots.
- Hardiness: Grown in a suitable environment and hardened off.
- Health: Free from pests, diseases, discoloration, weeds and physiological disorders.
- Budded or grafted plants: Bottom worked.
- Root system and condition: Balanced with branch system.
- Standard: **BS 8545:2014 Trees: from nursery to independence in the landscape – recommendations**
- Species: True to name.
- Origin/ Provenance: Grown in the United Kingdom for at least one growing season, unless otherwise approved.
- Definition: Origin and Provenance have the meaning given in the National Plant Specification.

CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS/ TREES

- Growing medium: With adequate nutrients for plants to thrive until permanently planted.
- Plants: Centred in containers, firmed and well watered
- Root growth: Substantially filling containers, but not root bound, and in a condition conducive to successful transplanting.
- Hardiness: Grown in the open for at least two months before being supplied.
- Containers: With holes adequate for drainage when placed on any substrate commonly used under irrigation systems.

LABELLING AND INFORMATION

- General: Provide each plant/ tree or group of plants/ trees of a single species or cultivar with supplier's labelling for delivery to site, showing:
 - Full botanical name.
 - Total number.
 - Number of bundles
 - Part bundles.
 - Supplier's name.
 - Employer's name and project reference.
 - Plant specification, in accordance with scheduled National Plant Specification categories.
 - Additional information: Submit on request: Date supplied and consignment details or reference.

LABELLING AND INFORMATION

Standard: To BS 3936:1992.

PLANT/ TREE SUBSTITUTION

- Plants/ trees unobtainable or known to be likely to be unobtainable at time of ordering: Submit alternatives, stating:
- Price.
 - Difference from specified plants/ trees.
 - Approval: Obtain before making any substitution.

Planting Spec Notes (Continued):

MULCH MATTING/ GEOTEXTILE FABRIC TO ALL BEDS

- Manufacturer: Submit proposals.
- Product reference: Submit proposals.
- Type: Submit proposals.
- Recycled content: 90% (minimum) to BS EN ISO 14021:2016+A1:2021
- Timing: Lay before planting.
- Watering: Water soil thoroughly before laying.
- Laying: In close contact with soil surface. Lap or butt joints as recommended by manufacturer, with no gaps.
- Planting: Cut neat slits or flaps. Refit closely around plant stems.
- Overlay: Mulching planting beds.

SHRUB PLANTING PITS

- Timing: Excavate 1-2 days (maximum) before planting.
- Sizes: As plant schedule.
- Pit bottom improvement Break up to a depth of 150 mm, incorporating soil ameliorant/ conditioner at 50 g/m².

TREE PITS

- Sizes: As landscape drawings.
- Excavated material: Remove arisings.
- Pit bottoms: Excavate with slightly raised centre: Break up base to a depth of 200 mm.
- Treatment: Soil ameliorant worked into pit bottoms
- Pit sides: Scarify.
- Backfilling material: Imported topsoil. Contractor to submit proposals.

UNDERGROUND GUYING FOR ALL TREES

- Manufacturer: Contractor to supply details for landscape architect approval.
- Product reference: Contractor to supply details for landscape architect approval.
- Anchoring system: Contractor to supply details for landscape architect approval.
- Installation: Ensure tree is positioned correctly and vertically prior to tightening guy line tensioners.

SETTING OUT

- Planting density: As planting plan.
- Layout: Random groups of no less than 3 or more than 7 of the same species, ensuring that no three plants are aligned in any one direction

AFTER PLANTING

- Watering: Immediately after planting, thoroughly and without damaging or displacing plants or soil.
- Firming: Lightly firm soil around plants and fork and/ or rake soil, without damaging roots, to a fine tilth with gentle cambers and no hollows.
- Top dressing: Mulching and top dressing system, as section Q28. Depth: 50 mm.

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