

PLANTING SPECIFICATION AND MAINTAINENCE SCHEDULE FOR SOFT LANSCAPING **Hedge and shrub planting to front and side boundary**

**9 Water Works Cottages, Upper Sunbury Road, Hampton, Richmond Upon Thames, TW12
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Adherence to Standards:

During the execution and upkeep of the approved landscaping plan, strict adherence to the following British Standards, Regulations, and Codes of Practice is required:

- BS3936:1986 (Parts 1 1992)
- BS4428:1989 Code of Practice for general landscaping

Materials that will be used:

Topsoil must be of good quality, free from weeds, roots, and stones larger than 50mm in diameter, and all other extraneous matter. The pH value should be neutral, and the humus content should be no less than 50% of dry weight. Well-rotted farmyard manure should be used and thoroughly worked into the soil during cultivation at a rate of 1m³ per 25m² (i.e., 40mm over planting and hedge beds). All plants must conform to the relevant British Standards, be symmetrically shaped, of normal habit for their species, and be healthy, bushy, vigorous, and well-rooted. All plants must meet the measurements and requirements shown on the approved landscape drawing.

Preparing and Laying:

Planting of species outlined in the document "Proposed_Planting_Plan" will take place within the months of October - April. Hedge beds should be excavated to a width of 400mm, with preparation of sub-soil and topsoil, and manure as described above for shrubs.

Hedging plants shall be healthy vigorous bushy and well rooted. After planting, hedges should be thoroughly watered as required. To encourage wildlife, hedges should be trimmed no more than once every two years, allowing them to produce more flowers and foliage. Trimming should occur in January or February every second year and not between April and September to avoid harming invertebrates and birds.

Maintenance Schedule:

Mulch should be applied annually to weed, litter, and debris-free ground while the soil is moist, forming a 75mm deep layer (after settling) that completely covers the ground beneath the hedgerow. All weeding and pest control operations should follow relevant best practices and manufacturer instructions. If chemical weed control is used, all weed growth should be managed with an appropriate herbicide. If hand weeding is done, it should be combined with litter and debris removal programs. No burning of cuttings or trimmings is allowed on-site. All cuttings may be composted on-site in an appropriate container or removed to the local authority waste site.