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## LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT PLAN

6 Wensleydale Road, Hampton

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## **1. SITE ADDRESS**

6 Wensleydale Road, Hampton, TW12 2LW

## **2. OVERALL OBJECTIVES**

The overall objectives for the management works are as follows:

- To ensure the successful establishment and long term health of all soft landscape elements for the benefit of residents and the surrounding population.
- To maintain a crisp and tidy finish to all elements so creating a high quality environment.
- To maintain existing trees in a safe and healthy condition.
- To continue improvements into the future by thorough management.
- To ensure best Health and Safety practice at all times.

## **3. GENERALLY**

All materials and workmanship are to be to the highest possible standards in accordance with relevant good practice.

All operatives must be appropriately skilled and experienced for the type and quality of work.

Operatives shall have the appropriate qualifications and Certification for application of herbicides and pesticides.

All chemicals will be non-residual in the soil and non-toxic to humans and animals and shall be applied in accordance with the manufacturers' recommendations. Chemicals shall be approved under 'The Control of Pesticides Regulations (as amended) 1986'.

Carry out work while soil and weather conditions are suitable.

Use only machinery and tools suitable for site conditions and the work carried out.

Use hand tools around existing trees and in confined places.

Collect litter from all soft and hard landscape areas and cart offsite.

Any work to existing trees must be approved before work commences.

#### **4. ORNAMENTAL SHRUBS (including shaped specimens)**

Management objectives:

Establish healthy thriving plants and encourage ornamental characteristics.

Management operations:

a) Maintain the area substantially free of weeds (less than 5% of weed cover, with no unsightly weed growth even if less than 5% cover) by applying an annual dressing of an approved residual herbicide in the winter months and removing or spot treating any emergent weeds during the growing season with approved herbicide. Residual herbicide is not likely to be needed after the first two years after planting. (Spot treatment or weed removal at approximately 4-weekly intervals in the main growing season five times a year, - frequency to drop, as the plants establish, down to once a year).

b) Prune shrubs as per schedule below to encourage healthy bushy growth. Remove all suckers by cutting back level with source stem or root.

Timing of pruning:

Winter flowering shrubs	Spring
Shrubs flowering March – July	Immediately after flowering period
Shrubs flowering July – October	Cut back to old wood in winter

c) Selectively thin shrubs to allow room for growth and avoid 'overcrowding'. Care to be taken to avoid overthinning and so creating obvious 'gaps' in shrub beds.

d) Replace any dead or damaged plants with matching species.

e) Top up mulch as required to maintain continuous 50 mm deep cover.

f) Allow for watering plant material during dry periods to ensure vigorous growth.

g) Allow for re-firming soil around roots to ensure plants are securely planted and upright especially following periods of extreme winds.

h) Shaped specimens clipped as required to maintain neat form.

#### **5. ORNAMENTAL PERENNIALS**

Management objectives:

Establish healthy thriving plants and encourage ornamental characteristics.

Management operations:

a) Visual Checking for successful establishment. Replacement/substitution where necessary. June-September

b) Manual thinning and pruning following RHS guidance on timing and method .March- May and September-October

c) Manual weed control March-September

- d) Dead vegetation removal (retain winter seed heads) March-April
- e) Allow for watering plant material during dry periods to ensure vigorous growth.
- f) Top up mulch as required to maintain continuous 50 mm deep cover.

## **6. EXISTING HEDGES**

Management objectives:

Establish healthy thriving plants and encourage hedge characteristics.

Management operations:

- a) Maintain hedgeline substantially free of weeds (less than 5% of weed cover, with no unsightly weed growth even if less than 5% cover) by applying an annual dressing of an approved residual herbicide in the winter months and removing or spot treating any emergent weeds during the growing season.
- b) Cut hedge twice a year to encourage healthy bushy growth and formal tidy shape (see notes below). Cut hedge to ensure base is left wider than top (to avoid gaps appearing in the base of the hedge).
- c) Ensure that tools used are sharp and cut hedge so that top is narrower than the base to ensure base will remain clothed in leaves.
- d) Replace any dead or damaged plants with matching species. Any areas of hedge not thriving to be infilled with matching species.
- e) Top up mulch as required to maintain continuous 75mm deep cover.
- f) Allow for watering plant material during dry periods to ensure vigorous growth.

## **7. MOWN GRASS AREAS**

Management objective:

To provide an even stand of vegetation of uniform height and colour comprising predominantly grass species, although a small percentage of dicotyledonous plants – no more than 5% would be acceptable.

Management operations:

- a) Mowing shall be carried out using approved machinery to maintain the vegetation length within the limits of 20 mm and 40 mm during April to August inclusive and between 30 mm and 50 mm during the rest of the year. (This will normally require mowing at up to once a week in the peak of the season, say minimum 20 times per year total). The clippings shall be let fly but must be distributed evenly over the surface and at no time shall the layer of clippings be of such a depth that will affect the growth of vegetation. Clippings should not be left on paths or roads.

b) All edges of grass areas, against footpaths, roadways, trees, posts, shrub borders and any other obstruction shall be kept neat and tidy. To include existing grass areas adjacent to all new plantings within 2m distance.

c) Grass areas may be sprayed with a suitable approved selective herbicide in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Alternatively, spot weeding of isolated weed infestation may be carried out.

d) Apply approved fertiliser at manufacturers recommended rate once a year in spring.

e) Reinstatement by re-turfing or re-seeding of areas damaged by trampling, abrasion or scalping during mowing.

f) Remove litter and fallen leaves to maintain neat appearance.

NOTE: Do not allow machinery closer than 100mm to any tree stem. Avoid damage to stems by strimmers.

## **8. EXISTING TREES**

Management objective:

To ensure trees are in safe and healthy condition.

Management operations:

Survey trees at least every five years and produce a schedule of necessary tree surgery work and including removal of deadwood and thinning. Inform Local Authority of any work required prior to commencement. Inspect after storms, floods, droughts etc. for any signs of stress or danger.

NB: Any work to Trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order to be approved by the Local Authority before works commence.

## **9. TIMBER BOARD FENCING**

Management objective:

To ensure that the fencing is kept in good repair.

Management operations:

Check annually for stability/condition and re-firm or repair where necessary. Re-paint or re-stain as required with matching colour.