

### SPECIFICATION NOTES

For Proposed Trees, Hedges & Shrub Planting -These implementation and maintenance specification notes are for planning purposes only and do not constitute a detailed landscape specification.

### SITE PREPARATION

### Subsoil

Subsoil for general planting areas: the onsite subsoil and/ or imported subsoil shall be tested and checked to comply British Standards recommendations and undertaken by an approved independent laboratory (such as Tim O'Hare Associates or equivalent approved soil scientist)

Provide subsoil as necessary to make up the deficiency on site. Natural or imported subsoil (from and approved source), tested to determine suitability for use landscape planting areas. Test report submitted for approval and any deficiencies identified to enable ameliorant's recommendations

Subsoil shall comply with BS 8601:2013 - Specification for subsoil and requirements for use supplied from an approved source.

#### Imported Topsoil

Imported topsoil shall be to BS 3882: 2015: Specification for topsoil and requirements for use, Multi-purpose grade (Landscape 20) and be of medium texture with a high proportion of loamy material. It shall be free from subsoil, rubbish, roots of perennial weeds (including couch grass) and other injurious to plant growth. Imported topsoil shall be from an approved source and a sample submitted and analyzed/tested at an independent approved laboratory.

Soil Handling: The soils shall be handled in accordance to the Good Practice Guide for Handling Soils. Soil handling shall only take place during the driest parts of the year to prevent compaction of the insitu soils.

All topsoil used for planting shall be tested by an approved Topsoil Analysts and any required amelioration or soil improver required shall be carried out in accordance with

#### the topsoil Analyst Report.

The topsoil shall be free from harmful trace elements, including phytotoxic and zootoxic elements harmful both to plant growth and man. The topsoil should be tested by physical and chemical analysis and should state clearly the physical characteristics of the soil, levels of micro-nutrients and chemical content. All fertilizers and added nutrients l be applied by a qualified staff or supervised so the correct application is undertaken. NO imported topsoil to acid grassland areas or beneath existing trees.

### Root Protection Area beneath Existing Trees: No

new top soiling operations to take place within the RPA - all new planting to be planted into existing soil on site, using hand tools only to minimize root damage. If significant roots are encountered, these will be left undamaged and plants locally adjusted.

#### Preparation for Topsoil Re-spread

Topsoil shall be spread following completion of all hard landscape building works, following a thorough clearance

and removal of building debris. Bottom of tree pit broken tilth, removing all rubbish, vegetation, perennial weeds, up to a depth of 150-200mm and scarify sides.

Tree pits: min. 1200 x 1200mm x 300-600mm deep (depth dependant on size of rootball). All tree pits to have 150mm aggregate drainage layer (if required).

Hedge and shrub planting areas: minimum 300mm deep;

### **Backfilling with Topsoil**

Tree pits and shrub beds shall be backfilled, in layers, with previously prepared topsoil excavated from the tree pit and imported topsoil as required. Topsoil thoroughly mixed with planting organic compost and slow release fertilizer shall be used to plant all trees, shrubs and hedges. All finished levels shall be 25mm above adjacent paving. The shrubs shall be shaken during backfilling to avoid air pockets and the soil must be firmed as the hole is filled. All backfilled material shall include an organic compost and slow release fertilizer. Cultivation

Topsoil shall be cultivated to a minimum of 400mm deep on All trees, hedges & shrub planting shall be planted upright at planting areas and 150mm deep on grass areas to a medium

roots, stones over 50mm in any one dimension and raked to even levels.

### PLANTING Plant Stock and Timing

Plant material shall conform to BS 3936 Part I: 1992, Part 2: 1990; Part 9: 1998; Part 10: 1990 and BS4043: 1989 and shall be protected at all times in transit to the site. The planting season shall be from 1st October to the 31st March. Planting shall not be carried out during periods of frost, drought, cold drying winds, or when the soil is waterlogged

The planting shall be carried out in the first planting season following practical completion of the building and hard landscaping. Planting outside the planting season will require adequate watering to ensure establishment.

## Planting

the same depth as the nursery soil level and evenly spaced,

root ball.

Trees shall be planted upright and at the same depth as the **IMPLEMENTATION** growth. Allow at least 150-300mm clearance between the completed. rootball and the edge of the pit to facilitate staking and to AFTER CARE PERIOD allow adequate amount of backfill around the rootball.

From Nursery to Independence in the Landscape to be in accordance with the manufacture's mulch and autumn tidying. recommendations. All multi-stem trees or large shrubs shall Replacement Planting stakes double tree staked with cross bar. Stakes shall be softwood, peeled chestnut or larch, free from projections

the tree. All fixing nails shall be galvanized annular ring. Root barriers: trees planted adjacent to kerbs; soakaways and underground services accordance with manufacturer's instructions. similar approved in the vicinity of trees.

Mulching: Prior to the application of mulch, the planting areas shall be completely weed free and watered sufficiently to achieve field capacity. The surface of the planting areas shall be mulched with a layer of fine composted bark mulch supplied by AHS Ltd - Fine Composted Bark composted for 2-4 weeks with a particle size of 0-8mm, to a depth of 75mm, ensuring that the low branches of shrubs and herbaceous plants are not smothered. Supplied by AHS Ltd or similar approved. The mulch shall be topped-up to maintain, after settlement, a depth of not less than 50mm.

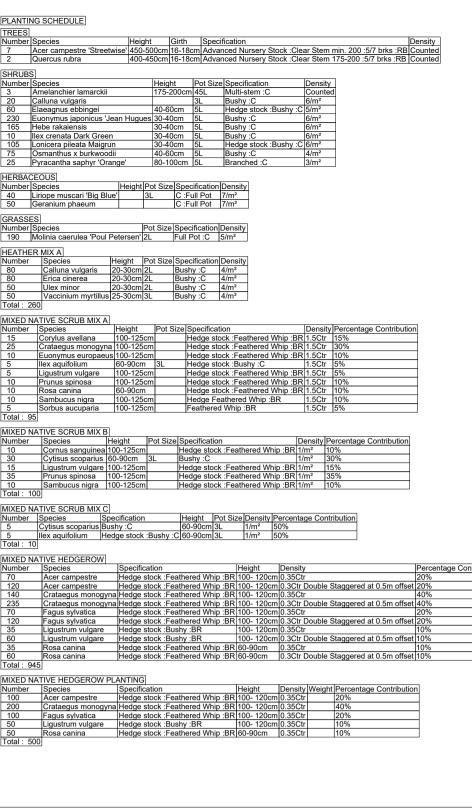
A subsoil analysis shall be undertaken to determine the species mix for all the acid grasslands areas prior to determine the species mix. Areas beneath the existing trees may require replacing some of the mulch-enriched surface layer with a more nutrient-poor subsoil from the development area ensuring that the root protection areas are not compromised or affected. All works within RPA shall be supervised by a

Aftercare: During the first year remove any weeds which grow before they run to seed, either by topping, mowing or by hand for smaller areas. Cut once the flowers have died back in the autumn, leaving the area undisturbed for as long as possible, ideally until February / March (before the first spring growth). The dead flowers and stems provide a leaving room for growth. Allow at least 300mm clearance diverse environment which is a haven for wildlife through the winter months. Cut the between the rootball and the edge of the pit to facilitate area down to around 10cm using a scythe, strimmer or mower, leaving the cuttings for staking and to allow adequate amount of backfill around the up to a week before removing of site to enable the wildflowers to dry and shed seeds | Project back into the soil.

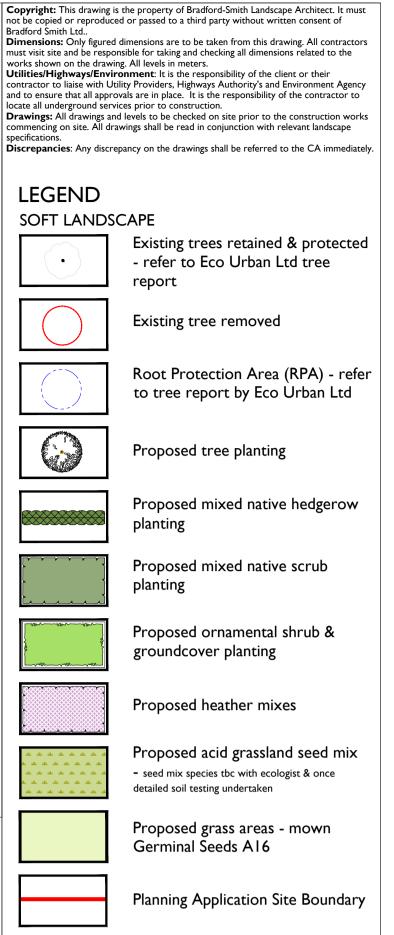
grown nursery soil level with the root collar being at All tree, hedges and shrub planting areas areas shall be carried out in the first planting finished soil level, and evenly spaced, leaving room for season after all the building works and the hard landscaping areas have been set out and

Maintenance The Aftercare Period shall extend for a five period. During the Aftercare All new tree planting in accordance with BS8545:2014 Trees: Period maintenance visits shall be carried out, at least monthly from April to September and twice during the dormant season to carry out the following operations to establish Recommendations. Trees shall be pit planted and supported healthy growing plants in weed free areas. Maintenance operations shall include: Drawing No by either staking or underground guys. Underground guying watering, firming-up, pest and disease control, general pruning, weed control, top up

be underground guyed. Stakes: two untreated softwood All plants, which have died, are missing or have failed to thrive, shall be noted and replaced with the same size and species as originally planted, in the following planting season



- and large knots, with one end pointed. Overall length of stakes should be a minimum 1800mm and 100mm diameter. Drive stakes vertically at least 300mm into bottom of the pit either side of rootball. Cross bar - 100 x 38mm secured to stakes using
- galvanised nails. Stakes above ground level approximately one third of clear stem height - 750mm above ground level. Each stake secured to cross bar using galvanised nails. Tree secured to cross bar with rubber tree tie and tree cushion spacer/pad, fixed to support
- Immediately following planting, all plants shall be watered-in to field capacity. Provide a 500mm radius circle, mulched around the base of each new tree and kept weed free.
- install linear Re-root 600 barriers supplied by Green Blue Urban, or similar approved in
- Underground Services: All pipe work shall be protected with Terram Root Guard or
- Hedge planting: hedge planting shall be planted in double staggered rows [locations as indicated on the drawing]. Native hedgerows: install post & wire fence 1.2m high within



NOTES

Revisions

Ground work within RPA of existing trees - Any required excavations within RPA's for the new planting and fence posts shall be undertaken by hand using hand held tools only to minimize any root damage. All such works will be undertaken in full accordance with Section 7.2 of BS5837: 2012. Any required oot pruning will be undertaken by the Arboricultural Consultant (where such works are appropriate in accordance with the above Standard) and as detailed in Section 7.2'.

Tree Survey & RPA's - Refer to Eco Urban Ltd - Tree Survey & Protection

Hard landscape details and drainage - refer to Architects and Engineers letails. For details on retaining structures, please refer to engineei architects details.



21-08-2020 Amendments to new cycleways & planting areas 24-06-2020 Amendments to cycleway & planting areas 30-03-2020 Amendments to cycleway & planting areas 07-01-2020 Minor amendments to planting areas

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