

Outline Specification Notes - Soft landscaping

1.0 Site Preparation and Earthworks

1.1 All existing trees /vegetation to be retained shall be protected from damage by a scaffold framework comprising a vertical and horizontal framework, well braced to resist impacts, with vertical tubes spaced at a maximum interval of three metres. Onto this, weld mesh panels should be securely fixed with wire of scaffold clamps, in accordance with BS5837 (2005). Protective fencing is to be located one metre beyond the canopy spread of individual tree groups, and the contained are is to remain completely undisturbed for the duration of the contract.

1.2 Generally all earthworks shall be executed in accordance with BS4428' General Landscape Operations'.

1.3 Ground profiles to be left with smoothly flowing contours, free from localised depressions, high spots and abrupt angles.

1.4 Cultivate topsoil and produce an even surface free from lumps and clods. Cultivation shall be to a minimum depth of: Planted areas: 450mm Native transplant areas: 350mm 150mm Grass areas:

2.0 Planting

2.1 Handling and transportation of all plants shall be carried out in accordance with Horticultural Trade Association's 'Plant Handling' recommendation (1987).

2.2 All planting operations shall be carried out in accordance with BS5326: 1975; BS4043: 1996; and BS4428: 1968. Advanced nursery stock to BS5236: 1975.

2.3 Trees: All trees shall be supplied in accordance with the plant schedules by named nurseries.

Tree planting backfill shall contain:

80% by volume: Topsoil 20%by volume: Mushroom Compost

3kg/m3: Enmag Fertilizer

1kg/m3: Water Retaining Polymer Gel

Tree Stakes: Timber for tree stakes shall be straight, pointed, round section, peeled, preservative impregnated (BS1282) softwood, sweet chestnut or larch. All tree stakes are to be supplied to site stained black with an approved timber stain. In general, the length of stakes shall be equal to the sum of the length of the stake above ground (500mm), the depth of the tree pit and an additional 300mm. Trees are to be secured with "Rubberloc" belting.

Underground Guying: All semi-mature and multi-stemmed trees (over 2.5m in height) are to be anchored using "Duckbill" or "Deadman" anchoring systems. Watering tubes shall be supplied for all semi-mature and extra heavy standard stock. To be 50mm diameter, black land flex perforated land drainage pipe with suitable rubber/plastic bung.

Tree Pits: Tree pits should be excavated to the following dimensions:

Semi-mature trees and conifers Extra heavy/heavy standard trees Standard and large feathered trees Small feathered trees Transplants

2000mm square x 1000mm deep 1200mm square x 800mm deep 900mm square x 600mm deep 600mm square x 450mm deep 450mm square x 450mm deep

2.4 Shrubs: All shrubs will be supplied in accordance with the plant schedules by named nurseries. Shrub pits to be excavated to allow a 75mm clearance around the edges of the root system. Sides and bottom of pits shall be loosened to relieve any compaction. Backfill for each plant to include 50g of SA1 Enmag.

Bark mulch shall consist of FSC approved matured British conifer bark with an even particle size distribution between 5-35mm. The mulch to be Melcourt 'Ornamental Grade Bark Mulch' or similar approved, and a representative sample of the mulch shall be supplied or approved prior to delivery to site.

2.5 Transplants: All small feathered trees and transplants shall be planted in a pit 250mm diameter by 300mm depth. to accommodate fully the outstretched spread of roots. Backfill with excavated topsoil and gently firm in place. Ensure plants are planted to level of nursery mark.

Plants to be evenly spaced and grouped in accordance with proportion of mix in small irregular blocks to give a 'natural' appearance, avoiding straight lines.

All transplants to be fitted with rabbit guards of an appropriate diameter. To be 12mm square plastic mesh tree guards, 600mm high in black, brown or green, fixed with soft wood stake

2.6 Hedgerows: Following erection of post and wire stockproof fence, plant a staggered row of hedge plants.

2.7 Turfing: Turf to be Tillers "Arena", supplied to BS3969. Pre-turfing fertilizer to be Fisons 'PS5' applied at a rate of 70g/m2. The turves will be laid with half lapped joints and well butted up.

2.8 Grass seeding; Grass seeding shall be carried out in accordance with BS4428: 1969 (19) and AMD 938 (1972). Pre seed fertilizer Fison's PS5 (6:9:6) shall be applied at a rate of 70g/m2. Seed shall be British Seed Houses A19 sown at a rate of 25g/m2 in equal sowings in transverse directions.

3.0 Watering:

All tree pits and shrub beds shall be thoroughly watered prior to application of mulch and subsequent maintained in a moist condition. Watering rates shall be as follows:

Advanced nursery stock trees 50 litres/tree Shrub areas 30 litres/m2

4.0 Maintenance:

All areas to be maintained under installing contract for 12months post practical Completion, to provide optimum conditions for plant and grass growth and to present a clean and tidy appearance. All deaths and failures are to be replaced at the first horticulturally sound opportunity.

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Planning

Lilac Housing

Victoria Park Avenue Leeds LS5 3DS

Planting Plan

Lilac Coop

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