

North Littlehampton: Phase 5

Planting plan LA.PH5.108. 8 of 8 NMA_2

Outline implementation specification

Ground preparation: Protect retained trees/areas of retained soil where structural landscaping is proposed in accordance with an approved Arboricultural Method Statement and Tree Protection Plan. Tree protection fencing shall be erected as noted within an Arboricultural Method Statement and Tree Protection Plan. The fence is to be maintained for the duration of the works. Protection of existing trees against damage to be in accordance with the BS 5837:2012 - Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations. Protective fence to be approved by the LPA. Any excavations shall be in accordance with B.S. 8000 part 1:1989.

Landscape planting areas to have a minimum depth of soil of 500mm and grass areas will have 300mm. Loosen formation level with single tine ripper, driven 450mm deep at 1m centres, when ground conditions are dry.

Imported Subsoil: Where necessary, supply approved imported subsoil to B.S. 8601:2013 Specification for subsoil and requirements for use - Multipurpose subsoil to make up any deficiency in on-site subsoil.

Spread and level to depth of:

- 200mm for planting areas
- 200mm for grass areas

Imported topsoil: Where necessary, supply approved imported topsoil to B.S. 3882:2015 Specification for topsoil - Multipurpose topsoil to make up for any deficiency in on-site topsoil.

Spread and level to depth of:

- 300mm for planting areas
- 100mm for grass areas

Backfilling: Backfill tree pits with 100/300mm depth subsoil and 400mm topsoil including Melcourt Topgrow peat free planting compost or similar approved at a rate of 0.125m³/pit.

Backfill shrub pits with topsoil including Melcourt Topgrow peat free planting compost or similar approved at a rate of 1.0m³/20m³.

Cultivation: Do not cultivate tree and shrub planting soils, only cultivate prior to planting if the soil is compacted (for example due due site/construction activities). For grass seeding areas, cultivate topsoil to a loose friable tith suitable for grass seeding. Collect and remove from site all stones, builders' rubble and other deleterious material over 50mm in any dimension.

Grass Areas:
Supply and spread pre-seeding N:P:K fertiliser (10:15:10) at a rate of 30g/m²
Grass areas to be sown at a rate of 35g/m² with a suitable grass seed mix such as Germinall A19. Initial grass cutting and edge trimming down to 50mm

Planting Areas:
Excavation: Any excavations in order to win soil for re-use as part of landscaping must be undertaken in accordance with BS 3882:2015, BS 8601:2013 and the 2009 DEFRA Construction Code of Practice for the Sustainable Use of Soils on Construction Sites.

Trees: excavate a few centimeters shallower than root-ball and twice its width with sloping, scarified sides. Root-balls of trees shall be set on a 150mm depth of horticultural grade sharp sand. Semi-Mature trees shall be set on a 400-450mm depth of horticultural grade sharp sand. **Shrubs:** excavate 300 x 300 x 300mm depth.

Plant specifications: Plant specification to be in accordance with the HTA National Plant Specification: 03/02. Tree planting to be in accordance with BS 8545:2014 - Trees from nursery to independence in the landscape recommendations.

Fertiliser: Supply and plant, incorporating slow release fertiliser N:P:K - 4:19:10 ENMAG or similar approved at the following rates:

- Feathered Trees: 100g / tree pit
- Standard/Selected Standard Trees: 100g / tree pit
- Heavy/Extra Heavy Standard Trees: 130g / tree pit
- Shrubs: 70g / m²

Tree stakes: Provide and fix tree stakes and ties to the following dimensions:

- Feathered Trees: overall length 1250mm; height above ground: 600mm
- Standard/Selected Standard Trees: overall length 1500; height above ground: 750mm
- Heavy/Extra Heavy Standard Trees: overall length 1500; height above ground: 750mm

Provide and spread evenly over all planting areas an organic graded bark flakes or similar approved bark mulch to a depth of 50mm.

General Notes:
Substitutions, if made, should be similar in size, form and water demand.
Plants shall be arranged to avoid straight lines and geometric patterns.

Maintenance:
All landscape areas to be maintained in accordance with B.S. 7370 Part 3:1991 and Part 4:1993; including weed control, and adjustment to tree stakes and ties.

Soft landscape areas to be maintained in accordance with **B.S. 7370 Part 3:1991** and Part 4:1993. The maintenance of trees should be in accordance with **BS 3998:2010** and **BS 8545:2014**. Maintenance operations to successfully establish plants shall be carried out for the first 5 years after planting.

Maintenance operations for successful plant establishment shall include watering; weed control; fertiliser application; pest and disease control; pruning; and litter picking. Watering for trees should follow an irrigation plan in accordance with BS 8545:2014 and must be in anticipation of drought.

Tree pruning should be in the winter months or summer (July-August). Cherries must be pruned only in the summer months after flowering.

The replacement of failed trees should occur once reasons for failure have been identified and amendments to the specification are made as necessary. Shrubs which die, are removed or become seriously damaged shall be replaced in the next planting season with others of similar size and species, to be agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. For all new landscape areas, the following maintenance programme shall be undertaken:

Inspections:	January - December. Replace dead plants when necessary.
Watering:	When necessary in accordance with an irrigation plan.
Pest and disease control:	January.
Litter removal:	January - December
Weed control:	February - May; July; and September.
Prune:	Winter months or summer.
Fork over planting beds:	March.
Cut grass and trim edges:	March - October.
Apply fertiliser:	April.
Lightly fork over planting beds:	September.
Rake / scarify grass	September.
Mulch:	Mid to late spring.

Watering: Water trees in accordance with an irrigation plan as per BS 8545:2014. Watering shrubs shall be carried out to maintain vigorous plant growth. Water shall soak into the ground; it is not sufficient to dampen the surface. Water must be applied slowly to avoid damage to plants.

Weed control: Hand weed to remove all weeds and their roots using a hoe, trowel or fork. Apply a herbicide to kill re-growth when required.

Fertiliser: Applications of fertiliser to be carried out early in the growing season. Ensure correct fertiliser application. Inspect once a month and after very heavy winds. Adjust ties if necessary to conform to stem growth or to prevent chafing.

Pruning: At the appropriate season for the species, pruning to be carried out to remove all damaged diseased or dead wood. Prune shrubs to ensure the plant is kept well balanced and in good shape. For trees, pruning shall be in accordance with **BS 3998:2010**.

Pest and disease control: To be carried out if necessary and in accordance with best practice.

Litter removal: Collect and remove all extraneous rubbish.

Fork over planting beds: Prick up trodden or compacted soil surfaces to aerate the soil without damaging the plants.

Mulching: Mulching to be topped up annually over the duration of the agreed maintenance period. At the end of the maintenance period, undertake a final mulch. Ensure that the soil is thoroughly moistened prior to remulching, applying water where necessary. Planting beds and trees: re-mulch to a minimum depth of 50 mm.

Mowing: Amenity grass areas shall be managed to a height of 40mm. Species rich grass areas to be mowed as advised by the supplier.

Raking/Scarifying: Relieve thatched conditions and remove dead grass in the autumn over all grassed areas.

Spiking (Aeration): Aerate to increase water, nutrient and oxygen movement into the soil.

General: If grass surface is disturbed by over use, restore by firming or lifting with a fork

Any newly planted trees, plants or hedgerows, which within a period of 5 years from the completion of the development die, are removed, become seriously damaged or diseased, or in the opinion of the Local Planning Authority otherwise defective, shall be replaced. Replacement planting shall take place during the first available planting season

