Hedgerow Infill Planting – Methodology and Maintenance Statement

This statement and the accompanying Planting Plan by Krona Design, ref: KD.1942_A.105 are submitted to discharge conditions 3 and 4 of planning permission LU/95/26/PL.

Additional native hedgerow planting shall be undertaken within existing gaps in the vegetation along the northern and western site boundaries. Particular attention shall be given to the existing gap in the northern boundary vegetation, where views are available towards residential properties on Kenney Drive.

Existing mature trees, shrubs and hedgerows shall be retained and protected. Planting shall be undertaken only where sufficient space is available without interfering with existing vegetation, tree roots or the operational requirements of the scaffold storage yard.

Planting specification

The following native species shall be used:

Species	Proportion	Planting stock
Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*)	60%	60–90cm bare-root transplants
Elder (*Sambucus nigra*)	20%	60–90cm bare-root transplants
Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*)	20%	60–90cm bare-root transplants

All plants shall be healthy, disease-free nursery stock of UK native provenance, preferably sourced from local suppliers.

Plants shall be arranged in mixed groups to create a naturalistic appearance, with hawthorn forming the principal hedgerow component.

Ground preparation and planting

Planting shall be undertaken between November and March, when the ground is neither frozen nor waterlogged.

Prior to planting, the ground shall be cleared of rubbish and competing vegetation, taking care to avoid damage to retained hedgerows and tree roots.

Planting positions shall be prepared by loosening compacted soil and excavating planting holes sufficient to accommodate the root systems without bending or constriction.

Plants shall be positioned at their original nursery soil depth, with roots spread naturally and soil firmed gently around them.

Condition 3 of the planning permission specifies double planting to be included in the landscaping scheme. Space on the boundaries of the yard is limited, however where sufficient space permits, planting shall be undertaken in a staggered double row at approximately five plants per linear metre. Where space is restricted, a single row at approximately 400mm centres shall be acceptable.

Following planting, all plants shall be watered thoroughly and provided with a suitable organic mulch to suppress weeds and retain moisture.

Protection and maintenance

New planting shall be protected from accidental damage by vehicles, scaffold materials and other operational activities.

Plants shall be watered as necessary during the first two growing seasons, particularly during prolonged dry weather.

Competing vegetation shall be controlled around the base of new plants, and mulch replenished as necessary.

Formative pruning shall be undertaken where appropriate to encourage dense, bushy growth and integration with the existing hedgerows.

Replacement planting

The planting shall be maintained for a minimum period of five years following implementation.

Any newly planted tree or shrub which dies, is removed or becomes seriously damaged or diseased during this period shall be replaced with a plant of the same species and similar size during the next available planting season.

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