

Shrubs

Ref.	Species	Size	Type	Quantity
CiHy	Cistus x hybridus	0.5-1L	Pot	15
ChTe	Choisya ternata	2-5L	Pot	2
DaP	Daphne pontica	0.5-1L	Pot	13
HeRa	Hebe rakaiensis	0.5-1L	Pot	12
HyHi	Hypericum Hidcote	2-5L	Pot	1
LA	Lavandula angustifolia 'Hidcote'	0.5-1L	Pot	7
SarH	Sarcococca humilis	0.5-1L	Pot	6
Vi	Vinca minor f. alba 'Gertrude Jekyll'	Plug	Plug	33
ViOp	Viburnum opulus 'Roseum'	2-5L	Pot	4

Hedging

Ref.	Species	Size	Type	Quantity
-	Mixed Native Hedging - Hawthorn (50%), Bird Cherry (10%), Field Maple (10%), Dog Rose (10%), Hazel (10%) and Blackthorn (10%)	60-90cm whips	Whips planted in double staggered rows 5p/m	80

Trees

Ref.	Species	Size	Type	Quantity
-	Acer campestre	3-3.5m, 12-14cm girth	35L Container / Bareroot	2
-	Amelanchier arborea 'Robin Hill'	3-3.5m, 12-14cm girth	35L Container / Bareroot	1
-	Prunus padus	3-3.5m, 12-14cm girth	35L Container / Bareroot	1

Other

Ref.	Species	Size	Type	Quantity
-	Native wildflower lawn mix EL1 from Emorsgate Seeds	-	Seed	524 m2

Soft Landscaping Specification

1) Setting Out

1.1 All planting beds and plant positions shall be set out in accordance with the approved soft landscaping plan, using dimensions taken from fixed, permanent reference points.

1.2 Planting beds shall be a minimum width of 600 mm wherever site conditions allow. Where planting beds are sealed or underlain by concrete, the contractor shall notify the site manager before proceeding, to agree whether the scheme is to be amended or local modifications made.

1.3 The soft landscaping works shall be carried out in the first planting season following commencement of development. Any trees, shrubs or plants that die within a period of 5 years from the completion of the development, or which are removed and/or become seriously damaged or diseased in that period, shall be replaced in the first available planting season with others of similar size and species.

2) Ground Preparation

2.1 Manual removal of weeds preferred. Systemic herbicide, where required, to be applied in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, the Control of Pesticides Regulations 1986 (as amended), and COSHH 2002. Application will be undertaken by a suitably qualified operative, with appropriate measures taken to avoid impacts on non-target species and surrounding habitats.

2.2 Topsoil within planting beds shall be inspected and remediated to comply with BS 3882:2015. Stones, rubble, and debris greater than 50 mm shall be removed.

2.3 To achieve free-draining, non-compacted conditions:

- Beds <5 m wide: cultivate to 300 mm depth by hand or rotovator.
- Beds >5 m wide: subsoil with tractor-mounted ripper at 500 mm centres to a depth of 500 mm, except within 10 m of trees or 3 m of hedges, or where underground services are present.

2.4 Where subsoil or topsoil has >20% clay content, ameliorate with suitable organic matter or soil improvers to achieve a friable structure. Apply a slow-release fertiliser (e.g. Hortibase CRF 16-8-12) at 100 g/m² in accordance with manufacturer's guidance.

2.5 Adjacent to grass or paved areas, planting beds shall be graded to 65 mm below finished surface level. Turf shall be flush with or up to 10 mm below adjoining hard surfaces.

2.6 Imported topsoil shall comply with BS 3882:2015, with a texture class appropriate to planting requirements, <20% clay, and free of stones >50 mm.

Planting

3) Shrubs and Herbaceous Plants

3.1 Planting shall be carried out in accordance with the approved drawings, plant schedule, and BS 4428:1989.

3.2 Plant at correct depth with the root collar at finished soil level.

3.3 Substitutions shall not be permitted without prior written approval of the project manager and client. All stock shall comply with the HTA National Plant Specification, be healthy, vigorous, free from pests, diseases, deformity, or damage, and true to type.

3.4 Shrubs (except ground cover) shall be 400–600 mm height and spread, unless otherwise specified.

3.5 Immediately after planting, apply water at 20 L/m².

4) Tree Planting Methodology

4.1 Stock Specification: All trees shall be supplied as heavy standard stock, 3.0–3.5 m height, 12–14 cm girth, as 35 L container-grown or bare-root in accordance with the HTA National Plant Specification. Bare-root stock shall be planted during the dormant season (November to March) only, with roots kept covered and damp prior to planting. Container-grown stock shall be checked for root-bound conditions prior to installation, with roots teased out as necessary.

4.2 Excavation: Excavate square pits to a minimum depth of 600 mm and at least 300 mm wider than the rootball or container on all sides. The pit base shall be slightly domed; break up only if drainage is poor.

4.3 Backfilling: Place tree so that the root collar is level with finished ground. Backfill with subsoil to approximately 400 mm below surface, then topsoil to match site profile. Firm backfill in layers to eliminate air pockets.

4.4 Staking and Ties: In line with BS 8545:2014, all standard and heavy standard trees shall be double-staked using two round timber stakes driven outside the rootball, positioned opposite each other and projecting approximately 600 mm above ground level. Secure using adjustable, non-abrasive hessian ties, allowing natural movement while preventing stem damage and promoting stronger long-term tree development. Ties shall be checked and adjusted regularly as part of the maintenance regime.

4.5 Root Barriers: Where root barriers are shown on the approved soft landscape drawing, these shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's specification prior to backfilling. Root barrier type and depth shall be appropriate to the proximity of the tree to hard landscaping, structures, or services as indicated on the approved drawing.

4.6 Tree Pit — Grassed Areas: Form a shallow circular watering dish around the tree base with raised edges to retain irrigation water directly over the rootball. Standard trees (≤3 m): approximately 1.0 m diameter. Heavy standards (>3 m or 12–14 cm girth): approximately 1.5 m diameter. Where grassed areas extend to the tree pit edge, install rabbit/deer guards in line with BS 8601:2013.

4.7 Tree Pit — Shrub Beds: No watering dish required. No rabbit/deer guards required unless otherwise specified. All other methodology as above.

4.8 Initial Watering: Apply a minimum of 25 L clean water per tree immediately after planting.

4.9 Irrigation: Install a slow-release irrigation system (e.g. 75 L Treegator or equivalent) to each standard and heavy standard tree. Bags shall be filled one to two times per week during the first two growing seasons.

4.10 Mulching: Apply medium-grade, untreated organic woodchip mulch to a minimum settled depth of 50 mm over a minimum 1.5 m diameter around the tree base. Mulch must be kept 50 mm clear of the stem.

4.11 Timing: Planting shall be carried out in the first planting season (October–February) following commencement of development works.

5) Hedge Planting

5.1 Trenches shall be minimum 400 mm deep × 600 mm wide.

5.2 Plants to be set at the same depth as grown in the nursery.

5.3 Hedgerows shall be planted in a double staggered row at 300 mm centres within rows and 400 mm between rows, unless otherwise specified.

5.4 Roots of bare-root plants must not dry out prior to planting. Keep roots covered with damp hessian/straw, or heel into soil until planting.

5.5 After planting, firm in thoroughly and water during dry weather.

5.6 Apply untreated organic woodchip mulch to a minimum settled depth of 50 mm.

5.7 Planting shall be carried out in the first planting season (October–February) following commencement of development works.

6) Mulch and Supports

6.1 Climbing plants requiring support shall be trained onto galvanised or stainless steel wire supports fixed with stainless steel eyescrews at 250 mm from ground and 250 mm from the top of the wall/fence, with wires tensioned between. Fix climbers with plastic-coated wire ties.

6.2 Tree staking and mulching as set out above under section 3.2.

6.3 Where grassed areas extend to the tree pit edge, install rabbit/deer guards in line with BS 8601:2013.

7) Aftercare

7.1 Maintain hedges, trees, and shrubs for 3–5 years following planting to ensure successful establishment. Carry out annual pruning/trimming in accordance with species requirements.

7.2 Provide supplementary irrigation for the first 24 months, tailored to prevailing weather. During summer months, water 3–7 times per week to maintain soil moisture and plant health.

7.3 Trees shall receive supplementary irrigation for at least 2 years. Water every 3–5 days in summer. Tree hydration bags (e.g. 75 L Treegator) are recommended to reduce frequency and ensure deep watering. Bags should be filled 1–2 times per week during the first two growing seasons.

8) Implementation Programme

8.1 All soft landscape works shown on the approved drawing shall be carried out in the first available planting season following practical completion of the development, and no later than first occupation of any unit on site.

8.2 Where bare-root stock is specified, planting shall be undertaken during the dormant season between November and March. Container-grown stock may be planted outside this window where site conditions allow, subject to adequate irrigation and establishment measures being in place.

8.3 All planted stock shall be maintained for a minimum period of five years following implementation. Any trees, shrubs, or plants that die, are removed, or become seriously damaged or diseased within this period shall be replaced in the first available planting season with others of similar size and species, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

8.4 All biodiversity enhancement features shall be installed prior to first occupation of the development.

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