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Landscape Scheme

for

Haynes
Littleworth Lane
Partridge Green Horsham
West Sussex, RH13 8JF

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1.0 Introduction
1.1 I have been instructed to provide a landscape scheme for the proposed new house at Haynes, Littleworth Lane, Partridge Green, Horsham, West Sussex, RH13 8JF.

1.2 My name is Barry Holdsworth and I am the author of this report. I have over 30 years of experience in horticulture including tree and landscape management in both the public and private sectors. I am a qualified horticulturist, professional tree inspector and a member of the Arboricultural Association and the Chartered Institute of Horticulture.

1.3. Please refer to the Landscape Plan by Barry Holdsworth Ltd when reading this document, see Appendix 1.

1.4. The existing garden that surrounds the house (Haynes) consists of amenity lawn with a range of trees and shrubs sited within the lawns and with a number of planting beds containing a mix of herbaceous plants. The garden is to be divided into two halves with the rear of the existing garden becoming the site of the new house and an access drive leading from Littleworth Lane to the plot along the southern boundary of the garden.

Apart from tees within the footprint of the house and associated hard standing areas (drive and terraces) the remaining trees and shrubs will be retained. However, new screening is proposed to offer privacy to occupants of the existing house and the new dwelling, details below.

2.0 Landscaping

2.1. Soft Landscaping
2.1.1 Hedges and Trees
A new Yew hedge (Taxus baccata) using instant hedging will provide screening up to 1.8m in height across the boundary on the western side of the new garden.

The existing mature trees will be retained and additional screening to the western side of the house will be the planting of three (3) heavy standard specimen Crab Apple trees (Malus ‘Evereste’). With the canopy offering an instant screen from 2m to 5-6m.

The trees will be planted with a tree pit as shown in Appendix 2. Tree Pit Design, with maintenance as detailed in 2.3. Maintenance below.

2.1.2. Planting Bed
The planting bed to the western side of the house is to be planted with a mixture of herbaceous and shrubs selected from the list ‘RHS Plants for Pollinators’, see link - rhs.org.uk/plantsforpollinators.

2.1.3.Grass Area
Following the building works the grassed area that already surrounds the existing house will be replicated and is to be sown with a Emorsgate EG21 Fine Lawn Grass Mixture, see composition below.

Composition
10.0 Agrostis capillaris – Common Bent
50.0 Festuca rubra – Red Fescue
40.0 Festuca rubra ssp. commutata – Chewing's Fescue

Planting Schedule

Quantity	Plant	Size
Tree Planting		
3	Malus 'Evereste'	16-18cm
Hedge Planting	Yew Hedge	
46m	Taxus baccata	180cm

2.2. Standards
Workmanship shall comply with the recommendations set out in the following codes:-
a) General landscape operations - to BS 4428:1989.
b) Trees in relation to construction - to BS 5837:2005 and BS 6549:1990.
c) Workmanship shall also comply with British Standard 8000 and any other current relevant British Standard Code of Practice where such exists. Workmanship shall in any case be in accordance with good horticultural practice.

BRITISH STANDARDS
All workmanship and materials shall conform to the following codes: -
General Landscape Operations (excluding hard surfaces) BS 4428:1989
Trees in Relation to Construction – BS 5837: 2005 and BS 6549:1990. BS 3998: 2010 (recommended for tree works) unless otherwise specified. Arboricultural Association –
Standard Conditions of Contract and Specifications of Tree Works 1996.
Nursery Stock in accordance with latest horticultural trade association nursery stock specification entitled 'National Plant Specification 2001'

BS 598987 Asphalt for roads and other paved areas – Specification for the transport, laying, compaction and product type testing protocols

Plants shall conform to:
BS 3969- 1: 1992 Nursery Stock – Specification for Trees and Shrubs
BS 3969- 2: 1990 Nursery Stock – Specification for roses + AMD 6628
BS 3969- 5: 1985 Nursery Stock – Specification for poplars and willows.
BS 3936- 9: 1998 Nursery Stock – Specification for bulbs, corms and tubers.
BS 3936- 10: 1990 Nursery Stock – Specification for ground cover shrubs.
CPSE - Committee for Plant Establishment, Handling and establishing landscape plants 1996, Part 3, paragraphs 6.2 to 6.6.
Glossary for Landscape Works BS 3975 Pt 4: 1966

Turf – BS 3969:1998- recommendations for turf for general purposes.
Topsoil- BS 3882: 2007
Pesticides: Control of Pesticides Regulations 1997; The Health and Safety at Work Act1974; the COSHH Regulation 2003, the product COSHH sheet water Supply(Water Quality) Regulations amended 1991; Control of Pollution Act 1974; Hedgerow Act 1997; Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.
BS 8545:2014 Trees: from nursery to independence in the landscape Recommendations.
BS 1722-7:2006 Fences –Part 7: Specification for wooden post and rail fences

2.3. Maintenance
The following Maintenance Schedule will ensure that the specimen oak tree and the new boundary hedges become fully established. The following detail shown in italics is from British Standard BS 8545:2014 Trees: from nursery to independence in the landscape - Recommendations as should be used as a reference for the maintenance schedule.

Irrigation
Prime importance is irrigation as 'it can take up to 4 to 5 months for enough roots to grow beyond the soil ball to take advantage of the water available in the surrounding soil following transplanting. During this period the tree is almost entirely dependent on the water contained in the soil ball.'

'Trees probably need to be watered about twice each week with 20 L of water adequate to keep an 800 mm diameter rootball well irrigated and that 40 L of water or less thoroughly moistens a soil ball of 500 mm to 600 mm.' Twice weekly irrigation is to be undertaken.

Formative pruning
Formative pruning will be carried out in accordance with BS 3998 'as required throughout the early years of a tree's life in the landscape. Some of the nursery-prepared branching structure is temporary, and formative pruning should continue until a permanent structurally sound scaffold system of branches typical of the species and appropriate to the site circumstances is produced.'

Routine assessment and ongoing maintenance
Routine assessment and ongoing maintenance shall be undertaken as detailed below:

'A formal assessment of young tree health and development should be carried out annually. This assessment should include foliar appearance (i.e., lack of leaf chlorosis and/or necrosis), leaf size and leaf canopy density, extension growth and incremental girth development. Continual assessment on an ad hoc basis should be carried out throughout the year, to inform maintenance requirements.'

Staking
All stakes and ties should be checked at least annually to ensure that the root system

remains stable and firm in the ground, and that ties are still effective and not causing any damage to the tree. Any stakes and ties that are found to be not fit for purpose should be adjusted, replaced or removed.

All stakes and ties should be removed as soon as the developing root system is strong enough to support the tree.

NOTE. Two full growing seasons are usually long enough for this to occur.

Wires or straps used in underground guying systems that could cause damage to the growing stem or structural roots should be cut as soon as the tree is self-supporting.

The area around the base of the tree should be free from competing vegetation.

NOTE. Selection of an appropriate herbicide, when used to control competing vegetation, is essential to avoid environmental contamination and damage to the tree.

2.4 Hard Landscaping

2.4.1. Access Driveway

The driveway will be constructed using ECOGRID 40 with 14-20mm crushed stone to create a permeable SUDS compliant surface and edged with granite setts.

2.4.2. Paving

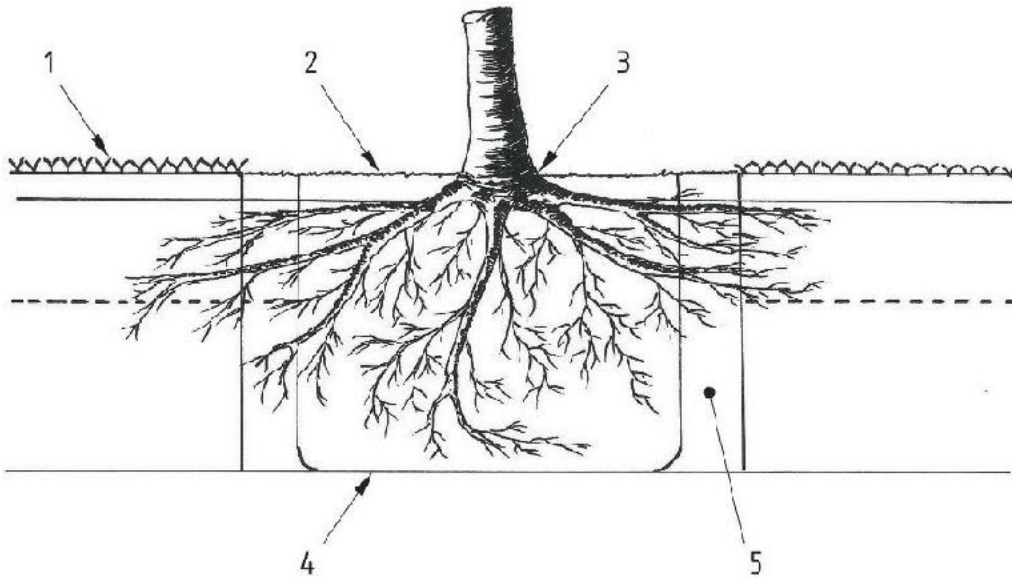
The terrace to the rear of the house will use natural sawn sandstone paving slabs laid to falls away from the house.

2.4.3.Fencing

A 1.2m high post and rail fence is to be erected along the boundary of the access drive.

Appendix 1. Landscape Plan

Appendix 2. Tree Pit Design: Planting in grass



Key

1. Grass sward
2. Tree pit surface as large as possible, with organic mulch layer
3. Root flare
4. Base of tree pit undisturbed unless drainage problems are apparent

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