

SOFT LANDSCAPE SPECIFICATION NOTES

General: All soft landscape works are to be carried out in accordance with the latest editions of:
BS 5837, BS 4428 and BS 7370-4.
The existing soil and any imported soil required for the completion of the works is to be subject to a topsoil analysis and the report with any required amelioration to be carried out.

Topsoil depths: Shrub and hedge planting 450mm. Lawns 150mm.

General: All plant stock to conform to the standards set out in the National Plant Specification, to be sturdy, healthy and vigorous. Of good shape and without elongated shoots, grown in a suitable environment and hardened off, free form pests,diseases, discoloration,weeds and physiological disorders, have a balanced branch system and be true to name.

Plant Handling, Storage and Transportation: To accord with HTA "Handling and establishing landscape plants".
Preparation of Planting Beds:
Prior to planting all topsoil to be dug over to a depth of 150mm within 2-3 days prior to planting when weather and ground is suitably dry.
Leave to regular and even levels: 25mm above adjoining paving or kerbs.
Remove all visible weeds and large stones exceeding 50mm.

Tree Planting
Trees to be planted in prepared its 1200 x 1200 x 900mm deep and no deeper than the root system and at least one and a half times as wide using soil excavated from planting pits.
No fertilizer is to be added. The pit bottom is to be broken up to a depth of 150mm and to be planted at the same depth as grown on the nursery with approved tree backfilling material and well consolidated. Planting in grass areas are to be provided with a 1200mm diameter area clear of turf and weeds.

Immediate after planting, all trees to be supported with a short double stakes and cross bar.
Stakes to be peeled chestnut with pointed lower end. takes to be finished at 600mm above ground level and fitted with cross bar to match stake.
To be secured on windward side of bar with cushioned tree ties secured firmly to bar.
Tree stakes to be removed once trees are established (usually 2-3 years post planting)

Mulching: All trees to be mulched after planting with Ornamental Bark Mulch
(Melcourt or equal approved to a depth of 75mm to form an area 1200 x 1200mm.
Immediately after planting water all trees to soil field capacity. Leave

Shrub and Hedge Planting
To be planted in pits 150mm wider and deeper than container or roots when fully spread.
All pit bottoms to be broken up to a depth of 150mm,
incorporating soil ameliorant at 50g/m2 and well consolidated.
Mulching: All shrub planted areas to be mulched with Ornamental Grade Mulch
(Melcourt, or equal approved) to a depth of 75mm and watered to soil field capacity.
Leave a 120mm collar free of much at base to prevent trunk from rotting.

Turfing
Prior to laying turf or seeding all areas to be reduce to a fine, firm tilth with good crumb structure.
Raked to a true even surface, friable and lightly firmed but not compacted.
All lawn areas to be laid with approved cultivated turf within 18 hours of delivery.
Avoid laying in persistent cold, or drying winds, or when the soil is frost bound.
Turf to be laid off planks with broken joints well butted up.
All lawns to be watered to soil field capacity immediately after laying

Key

Existing Trees to be retained

Proposed Tree Planting

Proposed Shrub Planting

Proposed Native Hedge

Lawns

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