



1. Standards and Codes of Practice
All planting and landscape works should be carried out in accordance with the latest editions of the relevant British Standards, Codes of Practice, the National Plant Specification (NPS), and other recognised industry guidance documents.
at the time of implementation, including:
BS 5882:2015 – Specification for Topsoil.
BS 3998:2010 – Tree Work – Recommendations.
BS 4248:1989 – Code of Practice for General Landscape Operations (excluding hard surfaces).
BS 5387:2012 – Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction – Recommendations.
BS 5370:4 – Grounds Maintenance – Recommendations for Maintenance of Soft Landscape Areas.
BS 8545:2014 – Trees: From Nursery to Independence in the Landscape – Recommendations.
National Plant Specification (NPS) – Latest edition, for the supply and quality of nursery stock and planting materials.
All materials, workmanship, planting operations and maintenance procedures should comply with the requirements of these standards and any subsequent amendments or revisions current at the time of implementation.

2. Plant Quality
All trees, shrubs, herbaceous plants and other planting stock should be supplied in accordance with the latest National Plant Specification (NPS). Plants should be healthy, vigorous, free from pests, diseases, defects and physical damage, with a balanced form and a well-developed fibrous root system appropriate to their species and size.

3. Topsoil Preparation
Imported topsoil should be General Purpose category topsoil in accordance with BS 5882:2015.
All areas to be planted should be cleared of rubble, large stones, perennial weeds and any other deleterious materials. Compacted ground should be cultivated and loosened to full depth prior to topsoil placement.
A minimum depth of 150mm of topsoil should be spread over excavated subsoil and graded to a fine finish. Prior to spreading topsoil, a suitable pre-planting fertiliser should be applied in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.
Shrub planting beds should have a minimum topsoil depth of 450mm. Topsoil should be allowed to settle naturally prior to planting operations commencing.

4. Planting Pits
Planting pits should be excavated to the dimensions shown on the approved planting plans or as required to accommodate the root system without restriction.
Topsoil and subsoil should be stored separately during excavation and reworked appropriately during backfilling. Pit sides and bases should be lightly cultivated where necessary to prevent glazing and encourage root establishment.

5. Shrub Planting
Container-grown shrubs should be planted at the same depth as they were growing in the nursery container.
Any girdling or compacted roots should be carefully teased apart before planting. Plants should be positioned centrally within the planting pit and backfilled using excavated topsoil. Soil should be gently firmed around the rootball to eliminate air pockets whilst avoiding excessive compaction.

6. Mulching and Watering
Immediately following planting, all shrub beds should be thoroughly watered and mulched with a 75mm depth of approved organic mulch, ensuring mulch is kept clear of plant stems and crowns.
Mulch should be evenly distributed to suppress weed growth, retain soil moisture and improve soil structure.

7. Tree Planting
Trees should be planted in pits of sufficient size to accommodate the root system without distortion or damage.
Trees should be planted at the same depth as grown in the nursery. Planting pits should be backfilled with topsoil improved with up to 25% approved tree planting compost where appropriate.
The rootball should be firmly bedded into the soil, ensuring good contact between roots and surrounding material. Trees should be thoroughly watered immediately after planting.
All trees should be securely staked and tied using approved arboricultural methods and fitted with irrigation systems or watering pipes where specified.

8. Tree Protection Areas
All landscape operations within Root Protection Areas (RPAs) should be undertaken in accordance with BS 5837:2012 and any approved Arboricultural Method Statement.
No excavation, storage of materials, changes in soil levels or construction activities should take place within protected areas unless specifically approved.

9. Protection of Underground Services
Prior to planting, all underground services and utilities should be identified and protected.
Where trees are proposed near underground infrastructure, appropriate root protection measures should be incorporated to minimise future conflicts between root growth and buried services.

10. Timing of Planting
Planting should be undertaken during suitable weather and ground conditions and, wherever possible, during the dormant season between late October and late March.
Planting should not be carried out during periods of waterlogging, frozen ground, drought or other adverse conditions likely to affect successful establishment.

11. Pesticides and Environmental Protection
The routine use of pesticides, herbicides, insecticides, fungicides and molluscicides should be avoided wherever practicable.
Integrated Pest Management (IPM) principles should be adopted, favouring cultural, biological and mechanical methods of control before chemical treatments are considered.
Where chemical treatments are necessary, they should be applied in accordance with current legislation, the manufacturer's recommendations and recognised best practice, ensuring minimal impact on pollinators, wildlife, watercourses and surrounding habitats.

12. Plant Substitutions
All plants should be supplied as specified on the approved planting schedule.
Where specified plants are unavailable, substitutions should not be made without prior written approval from the Landscape Consultant, Client or Contract Administrator.
Any proposed substitutions should be of equivalent size, quality, form, environmental suitability and visual character to the originally specified planting material.

Milestone House Plant Schedule	Form	Height	Total length required	Qty	 Size
Arbutus unedo	multi-stem	240-260cm	-	2	90L
Euonymus japonicus 'Green Spire'	hedging	40-50cm	51m	204	7.5L
Laurus nobilis	multi-stem	200-225cm	-	5	90L
Prunus lusitanica	hedging	175-185cm	26m	52	25L
Prunus lusitanica	balls	80-90cm	-	6	20L
Trachelospermum jasminoides	climber	90-100cm	-	2	25L

Project:
PLANTING PLAN PROPOSAL

Site Address:
MILESTONE HOUSE, HURST ROAD,
HORSHAM, RH12 2DT

Client: ARUN VETERINARY GROUP

Drawing Title:
Planting Plan R2

Scale:
1:100 @ A1

