SPECIFICATION NOTES + REFER ALSO TO THE TENDER DOCUMENT.

1.0 Setting out

1.1 Planting shall be set out exactly as shown on the drawing, and measured from existing fixed points. Curved beds shall be set out using rigid outlined on the ground with pegs and lines, or with hose pipes or a trail of spray marker paint. The junction between convex and concave curves shall be cut to form a smooth and even flowing line. Setting out shall be approved by the Client before cultivation and planting works are carried out. Failure to do so may result in rejection of the work by the landscape architect and may require amendment at the contractor's expense.

2.0 Ground preparation

2.1 Note that chemical herbicides, pesticides and herbicides including glyphosate are not to be applied at any time due to impacts on neighbouring Ancient Woodland and the protection of the ecological features. Alternative methods for ground preparation should be considered such as hot foam or hot water systems.

2.3. Determine before submitting a tender, the extent of any filling that will be required in order to accurately ensure soil of all planting beds is graded to a level 50mm below adjacent grass or paved surfaces, while maintaining the finished levels of manholes and inspection covers unaffected. Where grass is proposed adjacent to paving, then the soil level shall be flush with the adjacent paved surfaces, to enable rain water run off. The landscape contractor is responsible for ensuring that the correct amount of topsoil is delivered to site and that the developer and/or main contractor have failed to supply and spread topsoil to the reinstated level. The landscape contractor shall then supply topsoil to the levels stated above. Indicating for spreading subsoil and topsoil. Where beds are sloping, ensure that topsoil is graded to the specified levels below pavement & grass surfaces within 400mm of the edges of the bed. This is to allow for shed water from paths and lawns to run into the beds, and not spill out on to pavements and also to allow surface water to drain from paths on to planted areas.

2.5 Imported topsoil (where specified and sanctioned by the employer) for making up ground, shall conform to BS 3882: 2015, and be free from roots over 50mm diameter, concrete, rocks, lime and MAL and have been tested for PH value and nutrient status. Samples are set out above. Representative samples shall first be approved by the landscape architect before being supplied in bulk. Imported soil shall be supplied in site without a written instruction.

3.0 Planting

3.1 All planting must be carried out in accordance with the tender document, and accompanying drawings. Refer to the tender document for the preparation of existing topsoil and subsoil, the supply of new topsoil and subsoil, and also for contractual maintenance requirements.

3.2 No substitutions will be accepted without the prior agreement of the inspecting landscape architects. The contractor shall replace at once at his own cost any stock size, species or variety of plant which has not been specified on the planting plan and schedule, unless as the result of a written instruction issued by the employer or the inspecting landscape architect. All plants shall be true to size specified in the schedule of plants and associated notes. The Bill of Quantities (Schedule of Plants) and plants on site shall be checked on site to ensure compliance with those specified. This specification is the minimum standard required and any stock falling below this standard, in the sole opinion of the inspecting landscape architect, shall be rejected, removed and re-tilled and replaced at the contractor's expense.

3.3 Trees shall be watered in with 50 litres per tree position, three thereafter during the contract period at weekly intervals with 30 litres of water per tree position.

3.4 Prepared feathered trees to be true to the species, variety and size as specified on the planting plan, to include 1.0m long, 100mm diameter, chestnut stake above ground dimension to be 1/3 the height of the tree, secured with two tree ties, spaced as shown on detail, tie with spacing device, all positioned 25mm maximum from the top of the post.

3.5 Prepared standard trees to be true to the species, variety and size as specified on the planting plan, to include 2No. 2.5m long, 100mm diameter, chestnut stakes,