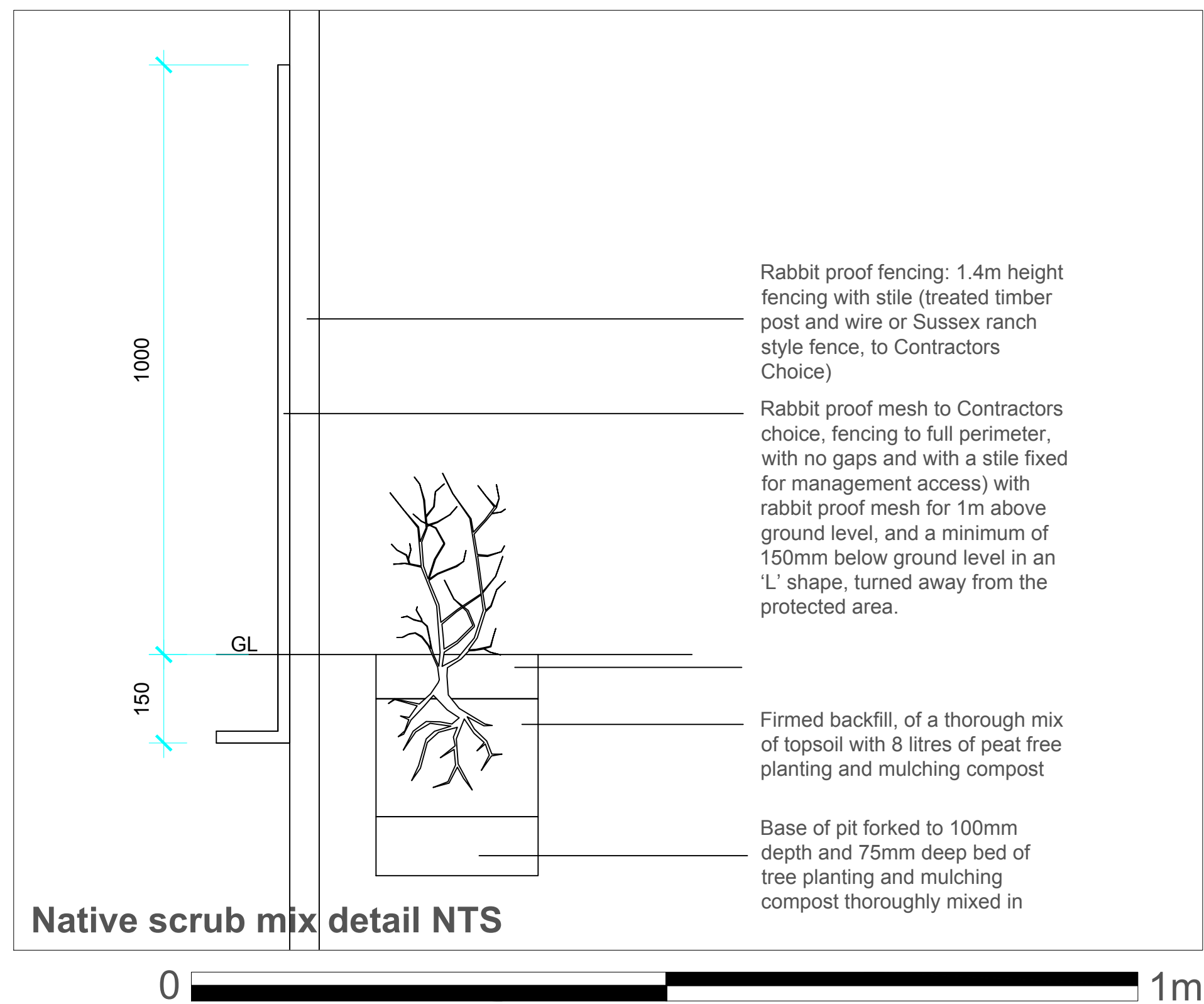




Native scrub mix planting specification

1) All plants shall be planted in line with the Planting Plan (Ref: *hla 619 101*) comply with planting schedule (Ref: *619 PS01*) and shall be of reasonable size and shape and in healthy condition. Plants shall comply with the relevant requirements specified in BS 3936 where those requirements are not listed in this specification. Plant stations shall be located on site and agreed with the client in advance.

2) Preparations for planting must be made before they are delivered to site and planting shall be carried out immediately after shrubs reach the site. All damaged roots and branches shall be pruned. Before planting all protection must be afforded to plants from wind, drought and other drying or damaging conditions.

3) Planting shall be undertaken in favourable conditions from mid October to December. Plants with dry roots will be rejected.

4) Pits shall be excavated to suitable dimensions to accommodate roots or rootballs and in any instance shall not be less than 300mm x 300mm and 375mm in depth. Any unsuitable excavated material including subsoil, clay and bedrock shall be removed to an approved tip.

5) Install rabbit proof fencing to Contractors choice (in advance of any planting), fencing to full perimeter, with no gaps and with a stile fixed for management access) with rabbit proof mesh for 1m above ground level, and a minimum of 150mm below ground level in an 'L' shape, turned away from the protected area.

6) Plants shall be planted with roots well spread out. A thorough mix of topsoil with 8 litres of peat free proprietary shrub planting and mulching compost shall be spread over the roots in 100mm layers approx, and firmed as filling proceeds. Plants shall be planted to the mark on the plant which indicates the soil level as specified at the nursery. This finished surface level shall be 75mm below existing ground level, in an area 300mm diameter around the plant to allow for wood chip spreading.

7) Allowance shall be made for the removal of labels, nursery ties and markers from the shrubs.

8) Contractor shall supply and spread, to an even depth of 75mm, a 300mm diameter area of wood chip for each planting area. The wood chip will be 15-100mm nominal size, with no dust and fines, and will be 80% wood chip and 20% bark and shall be flush with existing ground level.

9) An area 750mm diameter is to be maintained weed free at all times around each plant. After planting thoroughly water all planted areas.

Grass seed sowing specification

- 1) Prepare all areas to be sown with grass seed (Emorsgate Seeds mixes see planting schedule: General Purpose Wild Flowers (Emorsgate EM1F or similar approved) and Standard General Purpose Meadow Mixture (Emorsgate EM2 or similar approved)). Remove all weeds, remove all stones over 25mm in diameter and any other non soil debris.

2) Carry out seeding when soil and weather conditions are suitable i.e. avoid freezing/frost, drought and arid conditions. Sowing should take place late March to October.

3) Implement graded subsoil to receive seed by raking subsoil to a true even surface, friable and lightly firmed but not over compacted. Remove any further stones or clods. Wet full depth of soil and spread seed evenly in accordance with suppliers recommendation (Emorsgate Seeds).

4) After sowing lightly rake over entire seedbed, taking care not to bury seeds too deeply.