

Planting and Maintenance Schedule

Proposed helicopter hanger, The Lake House, Wellesborough

Proposed hedging on the earth bund

The bund to be finished in good quality topsoil to a minimum depth of 300 mm. A native hedgerow to be planted along the flat top of the bund as shown on drawing nos. 23 14 02A and 23 14 06 comprising a double staggered row 900 mm apart with the rows offset by 450 mm. Mulched with well composted wood chip 30 cms either side of hedge to a minimum depth of 50 mm. Plants to be bare rooted 20/30 cm transplants with 5 hedging plants per metre run of the following species :

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| • Hawthorn - <i>cretaagus monogyna</i> | 50% |
| • Blackthorn – <i>prunus spinosa</i> | 15% |
| • Hazel – <i>Corylus avellana</i> | 20% |

All plants to be fitted with rabbit guards.

Proposed Woodland planting

The proposed planting behind the frontage as shown on drawing no. 23 14 01A and 23 14 02A to comprise the following tree species :

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| • Field Maple – <i>Acer campestre</i> | 10% |
| • Common Alder – <i>Alnus glutinosa</i> | 10% |
| • Ash – <i>Fraxinus excelsior</i> | 20% |
| • Rowan – <i>sorbus acuparia</i> | 10% |
| • Wild service – <i>sorbus latifolia</i> | 10% |
| • Bird cherry – <i>prunus padus</i> | 10% |
| • Aspen – <i>Populus tremula</i> | 10% |
| • Pedunculate Oak – <i>Quercus robur*</i> | 20% |

All trees to be planted at 3 m spacing comprising 'standard' container grown trees. All trees to be staked and mulched with a well composted wood chip mulch to a minimum depth of 50 mm for a radius of 1 m around the tree.

An understorey comprising a mixture of the following to be planted at a density of plants per square metre. Plants to be bare rooted stock protected by tree guards and mulched with a well composted wood chip mulch to a depth of 50 mm for a radius of 300 mm around the plant.

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Maintenance regime

Carry out annual check for signs of disease and undertake treatment as required.

Carry out pruning as and when necessary to maintain natural habit of the tree, in keeping with good horticultural practice.

Water twice monthly from April to October. Ensure full depth of topsoil is thoroughly wetted to aid plant establishment.

Plant guards to be straightened and ties checked during each inspection (at least 2 inspections during the year) and adjust to avoid chaffing and other damage.

Guards to be removed at the appropriate time, typically during 4th or 5th year. Remove any weed growth within plant guards by hand and maintain a 0.3 m wide strip (on each side of the hedgerow).

Keep planting beds clear of weeds by use of hand weeding and by maintaining full depth of mulch.

Maintain weed free planting beds, ensuring a weed free area around each shrub, minimum diameter the larger of 1 m or the surface of the original planting pit.

Thin out the understorey in accordance with good arboricultural practice.

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