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Planting & maintenance specification.

Reading Borough Council has advised the following information be provided pre-decision:

Landscaping

In addition, if a pre-commencement landscaping and boundary condition are to be avoided, a stand alone Landscape Plan is required. An L2 condition with regards to soft landscaping would require all of the following to be provided prior to a decision, to avoid a pre-commencement requirement:

1. Soft landscaping details shall include planting plan, specification (including cultivation and other operations associated with plant and grass establishment), tree pit specifications, schedules of plants, noting species, planting sizes and proposed numbers/densities where appropriate, boundary treatments and implementation timetable;
2. A maintenance programme detailing all operations to be carried out in order to allow successful establishment of planting;
3. Routes and details of proposed and existing functional services above and below ground including foul and surface water drainage, soakaways and SUDs details, power, communications cables and water and gas supply pipelines, including access points.
Please note that no more amendments are required to the 'BS5837 Tree Constraints, Tree Impacts and Tree Protection Method Statement for house extension.
4. Materials/Boundary
Please could you confirm that the proposed materials for the rear boundary, wooden fencing is proposed for the side elevations. A plan of all of the boundary treatments including the design, materials, with provision of mammal gaps would be required prior to occupation.

Notes:

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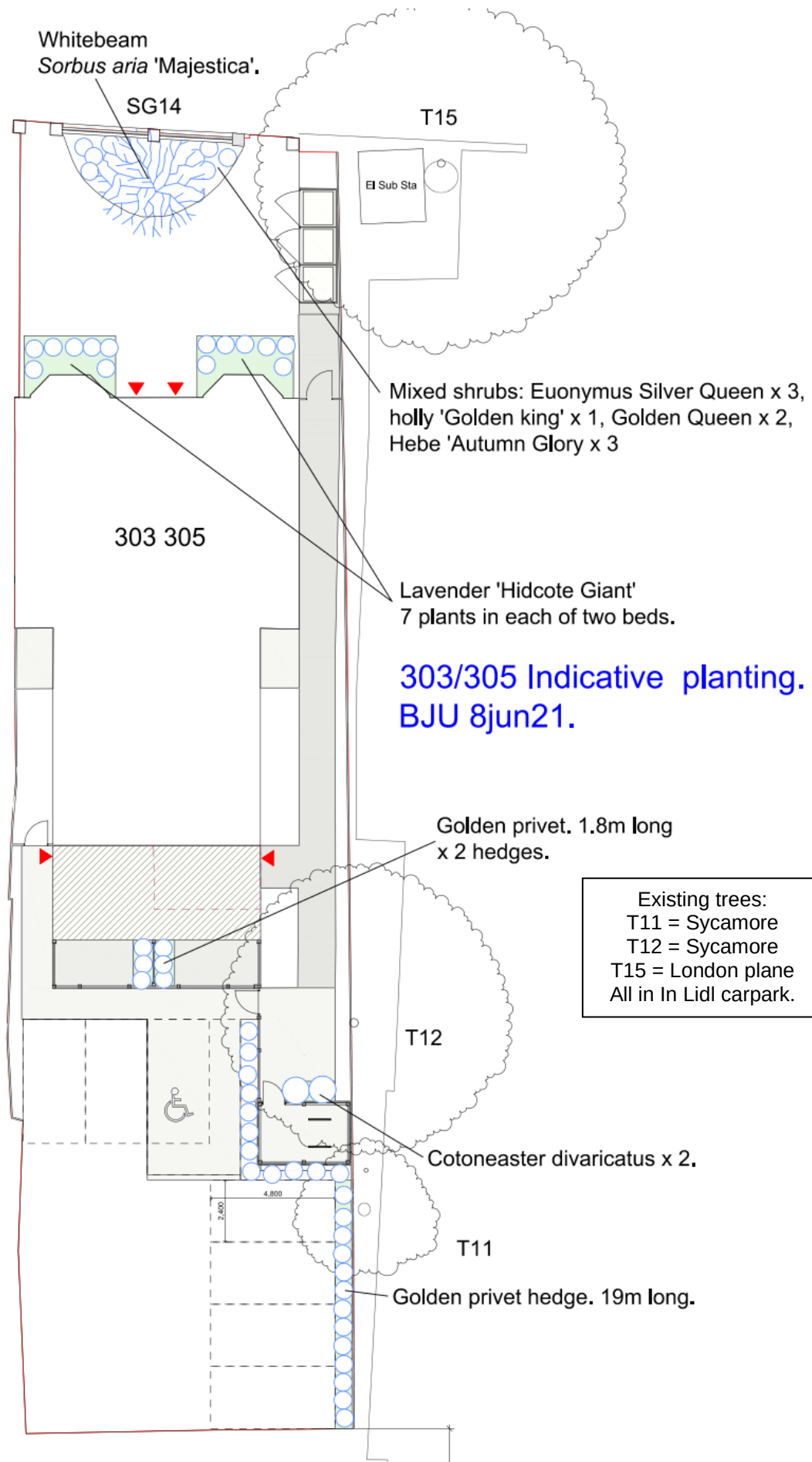
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Visual Tree Assessment

Draft BJUFC planting plan to be incorporated into Architect's plans:



303-305 Oxford Road Planting details. BJUFC 11th Dec 2022, revised 22nd February 2023.

General:

All operations to comply with *BS 7370:1989 Code of Practice for General Landscape Operations.*
BS 8545 "Trees: from nursery to independence in the landscape – Recommendations". BSI 2014.
BS 3882: 2007 Topsoil.

All soft landscape planting to be undertaken by competent gardeners / landscape contractors.

Species / variety	Detail	Quantity	Plant size	Ground Preparation	Planting site treatment	Maintenance.
				On all sites: Remove any stone, timber, metal etc objects >50mm in any dimension.		
Golden privet <i>Ligustrum ovalifolium</i> 'Aureum'	19m length hedge	60 x plant @ 0.3m centres.	3 litre pot.	Hand-dig individual planting pits and loosen sides of holes with fork. Retain tree roots >20mm diameter, cut others. Backfill with 50/50 subsoil & topsoil.	Fork 25% general-purpose peat-free planting compost into each planting hole. Plant. After planting add 50mm depth decorative bark mulch.	Year 1: Water copiously during April to August if no significant rain in the preceding week. Years 2 to 5: Replace failed plants. Water new planting. Top up mulch. Remove weeds. Prune to create 'A'-shape-profiled hedge 1.2m tall. Year 5 onwards: Prune as required to maintain hedge.
Golden privet <i>Ligustrum ovalifolium</i> 'Aureum'	2 hedges each 1.8m long.	12 x plant @ 0.3m centres.	3 litre pot.	As above.	As above.	As above.

Spreading cotoneaster x 2 <i>Cotoneaster divaricatus</i>	2 plants in small border	2 x plants to fill bed.	5 litre pot	Hand-dig individual planting pits and loosen sides with a fork. If roots are encountered retain any roots >20mm diameter or move pit slightly. Backfill with 50/50 subsoil & topsoil.	Fork 25% general-purpose peat-free planting compost into each planting hole. Plant. After planting add 50mm depth decorative bark mulch.	Year 1: Water copiously during April to August if no significant rain in the preceding week. Years 2 to 5: Replace failed plants. Water new planting. Top up mulch. Remove weeds. Prune to control spread and achieve 1.8m height. Year 5 onwards: Prune as required to control size.
Lavender 'Hidcote Giant' <i>Lavandula x intermedia</i> 'Hidcote Giant'	2 x beds each 3.5m x 1.4m	14 x plants at 0.6m centres.	5 litre pot	Excavate 2 x trenches each 4m long x by 0.8m wide x 0.7m deep, loose backfilled with 50/50 subsoil & topsoil.	Fork 25% general-purpose peat-free planting compost into top 0.3m of whole bed. Plant. Add 50mm depth decorative bark mulch within 0.5m of each plant. Cover the rest of the beds with weed-suppressing woven matting, and cover with decorative shingle min 20mm size.	Year 1: Water copiously during April to August if no significant rain in the preceding week. Prune off flower heads August / September. Years 2 to 5: Replace failed plants. Water new planting. Top up mulch. Remove weeds. Prune off flower heads August / September. Year 5 onwards: Prune as required to maintain.

Whitebeam <i>Sorbus aria</i> 'Majestica'	1 x tree on frontage	1	Semi-mature 18-20cm stem girth, min 5m tall, in 100 litre pot.	Locate tree 1m from roadside wall. Excavate planting pit 0.7m deep x 1m across. Fork sides and base to de- compact. Loose backfilled with 50/50 subsoil & topsoil.	Fork 25% general-purpose peat-free planting compost into top 0.5m of planting pit. Add 2m x 35mm watering ring 50mm below surface. Add three x 2m x 75mm diam stakes. Secure tree at 1/3 height with flexible ties. Add 50mm depth decorative bark mulch.	Year 1: Water 80 litres per week during April to October if no significant rain in the preceding week. Years 2 to 5: Replace if failed. Water new tree. Top up mulch. Remove weeds. Check stakes & ties. Remove in year 3 post planting. Year 5 onwards: Prune out any dead / crossing / damaged branches.
Mixed shrubs: <i>Euonymus fortunei</i> 'Silver Queen' x 3 Holly <i>Ilex</i> 'Golden King' x 1 Holly <i>Ilex</i> 'Golden Queen' x 2 <i>Hebe</i> 'Autumn Glory' x 3	9 x shrubs around whitebeam. In 15m² semi- circular bed.	3 x hollies spread around edges. Other shrubs in between to fill bed.	5 litre pots.	Excavate bed x 0.7m deep, loose backfilled with 50/50 subsoil & topsoil.	Fork 25% general-purpose peat-free planting compost into top 0.3m of whole bed. Plant. Add 50mm depth decorative bark mulch.	Year 1: Water copiously during April to August if no significant rain in the preceding week. Years 2 to 5: Replace failed plants. Water new planting. Top up mulch. Remove weeds. Prune as required. Year 5 onwards: Prune as required to control size.

Please contact us for further information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Jim Unwin". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. Below the name, there is a long, horizontal, slightly wavy line that serves as a flourish or underline.

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