



Supplemental information to discharge conditions 24,25 and 26 1-3, Castle Crescent, Reading

Application ref: 180169/APPCON

**Con. 24 (hard & soft landscaping & boundary treatment)**

Tree Pit Specification

GreenBlue Urban “ReRoot 600” (or similar) will be installed along the entire length of the retained boundary wall and along the edge of the approved parking bays and the approved access drive (sides closet to the new trees).

**Condition 25 (landscape implementation and timescales)**

Timetable for implementation

To be implemented no later than the end of the planting season (November-March) following completion of the main construction related works, as per “TIMES OF YEAR FOR PLANTING” point 12 of the approved plan “Hard and Soft Planting Schedule RG-L-02-02-E” (extract below).

**TIMES OF YEAR FOR PLANTING:**

12. Deciduous trees and shrubs: Late October to late March.

Conifers and evergreens: September/ October or April/ May.

Herbaceous plants (including marginal): September/ October or March/ April.

Container grown plants: At any time if ground and weather conditions are favourable.

- Watering and weed control: Provide as necessary.

Grass seeding: April to October

Turf: Autumn or early winter (but can be done year round if enough water provided.)

**Condition 26 (landscape maintenance)**

The contractors will be initially responsible for the implementation and initial maintenance of the landscaping. Once the development is completed a management company will be set up who will be responsible for undertaking maintenance specified as per “MAINTENANCE NOTES” points 1-7 on approved plan “Hard and Soft Planting Schedule RG-L-02-02-E” (extract below).

## MAINTENANCE NOTES

1. Maintenance operations to be carried out as specified until planting becomes established (year 5 after planting).
2. Trees - Check stakes and ties and adjust if necessary in summer and winter. Remove stakes when no longer required, i.e. after 3 years. Prune out damaged branches or deadwood, cutting back so as not to affect branch collar. Progressively raise canopies of new trees to provide clearance for vehicles and pedestrians.
3. Shrubs - Weed control measures to continue until canopy of shrubs is closed. Weeds to be cleared by hand or by application of translocated herbicide, with inspections made regularly through the growing season. Prune back any badly damaged shrubs to sound growth. Cut back plants adjacent to paths and access ways where necessary, retaining a balanced shape. Clear litter and debris from planted areas and cut leggy growth hard back to promote bushy growth.
4. Watering - In periods of dry weather apply sufficient water to maintain healthy growth. Allow 10L/m<sup>2</sup> to planting beds and 50L/tree at each operation.
5. Refirming - Ensure that all trees and shrubs are firmly bedded in the ground after strong winds, frost heave or other disturbances.
6. Grass Areas - Remove litter, twigs and debris prior to first cut of each Spring. Mow lawn areas regularly, cutting to a height of 35mm, allowing 16 cuts per season. All arisings to be removed.
7. Protection/Reinstatement - Regularly inspect all planting and grassed areas, eg. once a month, for any pest damage or vandalism/damage caused by others. Any damaged to be reported to the Employer and rectified in the next available season by replacement planting or reseeded/turfing, and protective measures if required.