

**7 HAWTHORNE ROAD,
CAVERSHAM, READING**

Landscape Maintenance Schedule

for Rosegold Estates Ltd

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7 HAWTHORNE ROAD, CAVERSHAM, READING: LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

1.1 This maintenance schedule is intended to give guidance on the operations required to establish and maintain the proposed planting.

	Action	Timing/Frequency
All plants	Check for dead/ dying trees, shrubs and groundcovers.	Check twice each year in early and late summer.
	Replace losses with same species/specification.	Following winter.
	Weeding.	Hand weed during each maintenance visit. Maintain in a weed free condition.
	Water trees to field capacity.	Weekly for 2-3 growing seasons (approx. April- Oct.) subject to weather conditions. 1. Betula, Malus and Sorbus (12-14cm girth) as specified require approx. 25litres/week. 2. Carpinus (14-16cm girth) as specified require approx. 35litres/week. Inspect during Year 3. If tree is not stressed and is making good extension growth discontinue regular watering operations at end of Year 3. If tree is stressed, investigate cause and make recommendations to enhance tree establishment. Continue watering if necessary.
	Watering: Shrubs and hedging	Inspect all shrub areas and hedging to ensure that planting is not stressed through lack of water. If stressed, water the affected planted areas to field capacity. Inspect and water at a minimum of 2 weekly intervals, and every 3-4 days during periods of dry or hot weather.

Trees	Keep tree pits free of weeds.	During each maintenance visit.
	Check stakes, re-tension and adjust ties to ensure stem growth is not inhibited. Ensure that the supports remain firm and trees vertical.	Every 3 months. Remove stakes after 2-3 years once tree is established and self supporting.
	Refirm soil around trunks after strong winds or frosts, break up any soil collars at base of trunk, refill with soil as required.	Check and implement during each maintenance visit.
	Replenish mulch around base of trees to specified depth.	Annually.
	Prune trees to remove broken or crossing branches and to promote a well balanced crown.	Annually between November to February.
	Remove deadwood, suckers and any unsightly water shoots or epicormic growth. Carry out appropriate tree surgery to remove any storm damage.	Annually between November to February. Remove storm damage as necessary.
Fertilising: Trees	No fertiliser needs to be applied to new tree planting unless specific nutrient deficiencies are identified. At year 3 inspect planting, and each year thereafter, for nutrient deficiencies and if necessary apply slow release fertiliser Sierrablén Flora Yellow (or equal). Work fertiliser into the soil, (<u>not</u> into the watering tube), at 20cm depth around the drip line of the tree as tablets or granular form in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.	Annually in spring.
Deciduous shrubs and groundcover	Prune to promote bushy growth and natural shape of plant, respecting ultimate height of each species. Conform to good horticultural practice for each species. Remove overhanging growth from footpaths etc.	Annually between November and February, unless otherwise recommended.
Evergreen shrubs and groundcover	Prune to natural shape of plant.	Annually in April or September.

Fertilising: shrubs and groundcover areas, hedging.	Inspect planting for adequate growth and fertiliser requirement. If necessary, apply Sierrablen Flora Yellow granular fertiliser (or equal) prior to commencement of growth in year 4, and every two years thereafter, as a top dressing, at a rate of 70gm/m ² (hedging 100gm/lm). Work fertiliser into the top 20cm of soil around each plant.	Annually in spring.
Mulching: shrub areas and hedging	Replenish mulch in shrub beds and hedging to specified depth.	Annually until shrub planting has formed continuous cover and hedging is reaching managed height.
Proposed beech hedge	Cut back side and top growth. Maintain to a height of approx. 1.25m.	Annually
Proposed mixed native hedge in rear garden	Hedgerow to be managed to 1.5-1.75m height.	Annually between November and February. Avoid periods of frost.
	Grub up weeds from base of hedgerow.	Annually.
	Fork in dressings of well rotted farmyard manure where growth is weak.	Annually
	Check spiral rabbit guards if present and replace or reposition as necessary. Adjust plants to vertical position if required.	Annually
	Trimming Year 1: Leave hedgerow alone during first growing season. Check hedgerow at end of first season and cut back plants which have grown away from neighbours. Do not cut back plants that are less than 300mm. Cut any straggling side shoots into line. Year 2: At the end of the second growing season trim back the sides of the hedgerow and cut back the leading upright shoots by about half their length. Year 3 and ongoing: Let leaders grow unhindered until required height is reached but cut back sides hard at the end of each season. Trimming thereafter: Trimming shall take place during the winter to specified height.	All works to be carried out between November and February. Avoid cutting during periods of frost.

Grass areas	Maintain to a height of 40-60mm.	Cut grass approx. 10-12 times / year, subject to weather conditions.
Wildflower areas	Year 1: Cut after flowering to 50-100mm height. Allow seed to drop for 7 days. Remove arisings.	September
	Year 2 and onwards: First cut to 50-100mm height. Second cut after flowering to 50-100mm height. Allow seed to drop for 7 days. Remove arisings.	Mid March September
General	Inspect all plants for pests and diseases and make recommendations for their control or eradication by non-chemical means.	Annually.
	Thinning: densities of plants to be re-assessed and any overcrowded areas thinned to prevent over-congestion, maintaining balanced shrub and groundcover areas.	End of year 5 or earlier if necessary.