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Planting and Maintenance Specification

INTRODUCTION

Diversity Environmental Consultants Ltd. have prepared this planting specification in order to provide sufficient detail to discharge planning conditions for the Royal Berkshire Archives Expansion project, planning application/approval no: 211485. It is based on the National Building Specification (NBS) and is intended to be used as a means of quality assurance. It is a specification appropriate to the proposed development needs and provides a framework for the existing grounds staff to follow and if necessary adapt.

The overall objective driving the choices made in this specification is to ensure high standards are kept in the installation of the landscape proposals.

It is intended that existing landscape materials and features that are to be retained are protected from any damage that may be possible during the construction phase, and British Standards are followed in this regard.

Efforts should be made by the contractor to source new materials and planting as locally as possible.

Longevity and quality of workmanship should directly promote the ease of low maintenance. Fittings, supports, haunching for paving edges, should all be constructed to last.

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Q28 TOPSOIL AND SOIL AMELIORANTS

135 PLANTING BED SOIL SYSTEM

Description: FOR ALL SHRUB PLANTING AREAS

Composition

Topsoil: Approved site sourced topsoil or Imported topsoil to BS 3882

Ameliorants: If required by the soil analysis report, incorporate fertiliser and/or sanitised and stabilised composted materials into the topsoil as recommended.

Accessories: None

155 MULCHING AND TOP DRESSING SYSTEM FOR ALL EXCEPT GRAVEL GARDEN

Description: FOR ALL SHRUB, PERENNIAL AND CLIMBING PLANT BEDS EXCEPT GRAVEL GARDEN.

Composition

Material: Ornamental organic bark mulch, to a minimum of 50mm deep

155A MULCHING AND TOP DRESSING SYSTEM FOR GRAVEL GARDEN

Description: FOR ALL GRAVEL GARDEN AREAS.

Composition

Material: Ornamental gravel (Ocean Blue or similar approved), size 10 - 15mm, 100mm deep over weed suppressant geo-textile.

300 PREPARATION MATERIALS GENERALLY

Purity: Free of pests and disease

Foreign matter: On visual inspection, free of fragments and roots of aggressive weeds, sticks, straw, subsoil, pieces of brick, concrete, glass, wire, large lumps of clay or vegetation and the like.

Contamination: Do not use topsoil contaminated with subsoil, rubbish or other materials that are:

- Corrosive, explosive or flammable
- Hazardous to human or animal life
- Detrimental to healthy plant growth.

Subsoil: In areas to receive topsoil or planting media, do not use subsoil contaminated with the above materials.

Objectionable odour: None

310 MATERIALS NOT PERMITTED:

Materials: Peat and River and canal dredgings.

315 IMPORTED TOPSOIL TO BS 3882:

Description: For planting beds and lawn seeding.

Quantity: Provide as necessary to make up any deficiency of topsoil required to complete the works.

Standard: To BS3882

Stone content: Free to slightly stony

Maximum size of stones in any dimension: 50mm

Free of weed seeds, roots of perennial weeds, sticks, subsoil and foreign matter.

Grade: General purpose

Source: Local, within a 20 km radius.

685 SURPLUS MATERIALS TO BE REMOVED:

Topsoil: Remove from site topsoil remaining after completion of all landscaping works.

Subsoil: stone, debris, wrapping material, canes, ties, temporary labelling, rubbish, prunings and other arisings: Remove.

705 HANDLING TOPSOIL:

Aggressive weeds: Give notice and obtain instructions before moving topsoil.

Plant: Select and use plant to minimise disturbance, trafficking and compaction.

Contamination: Do not mix topsoil with subsoil, stone, hardcore, rubbish or during or after heavy rainfall or when it is wetter than the plastic limit.

810 APPLYING COMPOST:

Application rate for trees and shrubs: 50:50 mixture of topsoil and peat free compost for all tree backfilling material.

Q30 SEEDING

GENERAL INFORMATION/REQUIREMENTS

115 SEEDED AREAS

Growth and development: Healthy, vigorous grass sward, free from the visible effects of pests, weeds and disease.

Appearance: A closely knit, continuous ground cover of even density, height and colour.

120 CLIMATIC CONDITIONS

General: Carry out the work while soil and weather conditions are suitable.

145 WATERING

Quantity: Wet full depth of topsoil.

Application: Even and without displacing seed, seedlings or soil.

Frequency: Weekly or as necessary to ensure the establishment and continued thriving of all seeding.

150 WATER RESTRICTIONS

Timing: If water supply is or is likely to be restricted by emergency legislation do not carry out seeding/turfing until instructed. If seeding/turfing has been carried out, obtain instructions on watering.

170 SETTING OUT

Boundaries: Mark clearly.

Delineation: In straight lines or smoothly flowing curves as shown on drawings.

PREPARATION

212 SEED BED CLEANING BEFORE SOWING

Operations: Remove weeds by hand weeding and hoeing, kill pernicious weeds with selective contact herbicide.

SOIL REQUIREMENTS

311 GRASS SEED

Seeded areas: Soil for wildflower and grass swards, as section Q28 i.e. only use in-situ soils where necessary to restore levels to top of kerb. Scarify existing grassland prior to seeding, restore any disturbed ground as existing with soil depth no greater than 100mm and water seed into soil.

Description: FOR ALL LAWN/GRASSED AREAS as shown in the planting plans.

Supplier: Emorsgate or similar approved.

Application rate: As planting schedule

Mixture reference: As planting schedule

311 STONEY MEADOW SEED

Seeded areas: Soil for Stoney Meadow to be a gravel/soil mix 50:50, use gravel and soil in-situ.

Description: FOR ALL STONEY MEADOW AREAS as shown in the planting plans.

Supplier: British Flora or similar approved.

Application rate: As planting schedule

Mixture reference: As planting schedule

319 QUALITY OF SEED

Description: FOR ALL SEEDED AREAS

Freshness: Produced for the current growing season.

Certification: Blue label certified varieties.

Standard: EC purity and germination regulations.

Official Seed Testing Station certificate of germination, purity and composition: Submit when requested.

Samples of mixtures: Submit when requested.

330 SOWING

General: Establish good seed contact with the root zone.

Method: Manually broadcast, raked and rolled

Distribution: 2 equal sowings at right angles to each other and diagonally to main axis

335 GRASS SOWING SEASON

Grass seed generally: Late March to May or August to September

352 EDGES TO SEEDED AREAS

Description: ADJACENT TO PLANTING BEDS AND TREES

Timing: After seeded areas are well established.

Edges: Clean straight lines or smooth curves.

Mulch and soil: Draw back to permit edging.

Arisings: Remove.

Completion: Re-spread soil and mulch.

530 FIRST CUT OF GRASSED AREAS

Timing: When grass is reasonably dry.

Height of initial growth: 75 mm

Preparation

Debris and litter: Remove.

Stones and earth clods larger than 25 mm in any dimension: Remove

Height of first cut: 40 mm

Mower type: Contractor's choice

Arisings: Remove from site

590 CLEANLINESS

Soil and arisings: Remove from hard surfaces.

General: Leave the works in a clean, tidy condition at Completion and after any maintenance operations.

MAINTENANCE

610 FAILURES OF SEEDING/ TURFING

Duration: Carry out the following operations from completion of seeding/ turfing until: the end of the rectification period.

Defective materials or workmanship: Areas that have failed to thrive.

Exclusions: None

Method of making good: Recultivation and reseedling.

Timing of making good: The next suitable planting season The next suitable planting season

620 MAINTAINING

Description: GENERAL GRASSED AREAS

Duration: Carry out the following operations from completion of seeding/ turfing until: the end of the rectification period.

Maximum height of growth at any time: n/a

Preparation: Before each cut remove all litter and debris.

Cutting: Between Mid July and Mid October to a height of 25 mm.

Arisings: Remove

Bulb planting areas: Do not cut until bulb foliage has died down.

Trimming: All edges.

Arisings: Remove.

Weed control: Substantially free of broad leaved weeds.

Method: By hand.

Stones brought to the surface: Remove regularly.

Size: Exceeding 25 mm in any dimension.

Areas of settlement: Make good.

Watering: Weekly to ensure successful establishment and continued thriving of planting and sowing.

Q31 EXTERNAL PLANTING

GENERAL INFORMATION / REQUIREMENTS

112 SITE CLEARANCE GENERALLY:

General: Remove rubbish, concrete, metal, glass, decayed vegetation, contaminated topsoil.

Stones: Remove those with any dimension exceeding 50mm.

Contamination: Remove material containing toxins, pathogens or other extraneous substances harmful to plant, animal or human life.

Large roots: Grub up and dispose of without undue disturbance of soil and adjacent areas.

118 SOIL CONDITIONS:

Soil for cultivating and planting: Moist, friable soil and not waterlogged.

Frozen or snow covered soil: Provide additional root protection. Prevent planting pit sides and bases and backfill materials from freezing.

120 CLIMATIC CONDITIONS:

General: Carry out the work while soil and weather conditions are suitable.

Strong winds: Do not plant

125 TIMES OF YEAR FOR PLANTING

Deciduous trees and shrubs: Late October to late March.

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

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

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

Watering and weed control: Weekly throughout first three growing seasons (April to October) to ensure successful establishment and continued thriving of planting.

Dried bulbs, corms and tubers: September / October.

Colchicum (crocus): July / August.

Green bulbs: after flowering in spring.

Wildflower plugs: late August to mid November or March/April.

Aquatic plants: May / June or September / October

130 MACHINES AND TOOLS:

Restrictions: Do not use within 1000mm of tree and plant stems.

Use only machinery and tools suitable for the site conditions and the work to be carried out.

Use hand tools around trees, plants and in confined spaces where it is impracticable to use machinery.

145 WATERING:

Frequency: Weekly throughout first three growing seasons (April to October) to ensure the establishment and continued thriving of all planting.

150 DROUGHT CONDITIONS:

General: If water supply is or is likely to be restricted by emergency legislation do not carry out planting:

If planting has not been carried out, do not do so until instructed.

If planting has been carried out, obtain instructions on watering.

165 PREPARATION, PLANTING AND MULCHING MATERIALS GENERALLY:

Generally: Free from toxins, pathogens or other extraneous substances harmful to plant, animal or human life.

200 TREES / PLANTS GENERAL:

Condition: Materially undamaged, sturdy, healthy, vigorous

Appearance: Of good shape and without elongated shoots.

Hardiness: Grown in a suitable environment and hardened off.

Health: Free from pests, diseases, discoloration, weeds and physiological disorders.

Budded or grafted plants: Bottom worked, unless otherwise specified or approved.

Root system and condition: Balanced with branch system, in accordance with the relevant part of the National Plant Specification.

Species: True to name.

Origin / Provenance: Grown in the United Kingdom for at least one growing season, unless otherwise approved.

Definition: Origin and Provenance have the meaning given in the National Plant Specification.

216 TREES / PLANTS – SPECIFICATION CRITERIA:

Name, forms, dimensions and other criteria: To the relevant part of BS 3936.

235 CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS / TREES:

Growing medium: With adequate nutrients for plants to thrive until permanently planted.

Plants: Centred in the container, firmed and well watered.

Root growth: Substantially filling containers, but not root bound, and in a condition conducive to successful transplanting.

Hardiness: Grown in the open for at least two months before being supplied.

Containers: With holes adequate for drainage when placed on any substrate commonly used under irrigation systems.

245 LABELLING AND INFORMATION:

Standard: To BS3936

260 PLANT / TREE SUBSTITUTION:

If specified plants / trees are unobtainable or known to be likely to be unobtainable at the time of ordering, submit alternatives, stating price and how they differ from the specification. Such substitutions may not be acceptable and submission of further alternatives may be required. Obtain approval before making any substitution.

265 PLANT / TREE HANDLING STORAGE AND TRANSPORT:

Standard: Comply with CPSE 'Handling and establishing landscape plants' (obtainable from the Horticultural Trades Association)

Frost: Protect plants / trees from frost.

Handling: Handle plants / trees with care. Protect from mechanical damage and do not subject to shock, e.g. by dropping from a vehicle.

Plant packaging: Shall be adequate to protect and prevent their heating or drying out

Packing of bulk quantities: Plant materials to be stacked in horizontal staggered rows within suitable crates to prevent compaction of individual species.

Planting: Upright or well balanced with best side to front.

480 AFTER PLANTING:

Watering: Immediately after planting, thoroughly and without damaging or displacing plants or soil, using a fine rose or sprinkler where necessary.

Firming: Lightly firm soil around plants and fork and/or rake soil, without damaging roots, to a fine tilth with approved gentle cambers and no hollows.

Top dressing: Sanitized and stabilised compost

- Depth of 25mm

PLANTING SHRUBS/HERBACEOUS PLANTS/BULBS

400 PLANT LAYOUT

Description: To Shrub Planting

Spacing: As plant schedule

Density: As plant schedule

420 CLIMBING PLANTS

Planting: 150mm clear of supporting structure - wall, with roots spreading outward.

Branches: Lightly secured to supports.

Climber supports: Stainless steel wire

Base height: 600mm above ground

Extent: To extent of climbers shown on drawings

Centres: As plant schedule

Distance from wall: 100mm

480 AFTER PLANTING

Watering: Immediately after planting, thoroughly and without damaging or displacing plants or soil.

Firming: Lightly firm soil around plants and fork and/or rake soil, without damaging roots, to a fine tilth with gentle cambers and no hollows.

Top dressing: Mulching and top dressing system, as section Q28.

Depth 50mm.

PLANTING TREES

500 TREE PLANTING

Standard: Prepare trees and transplant in accordance with BS 8545

535 STAKING GENERALLY:

Stakes: Softwood, peeled chestnut, larch or oak, straight, free from projections and large or edge knots and with pointed lower end.

Nails: To BS 1202:Part 1, galvanized, minimum 25 mm long and with 10 mm diameter heads.

Stake sizes (minimum): 50mm dia.

586 TREE BACKFILLING MATERIAL:

Composition: Previously prepared 50:50 mixture of topsoil and peat free compost with additional topsoil in accordance with Section Q28.

Topsoil excavated from pit to be used, with additional topsoil as required.

If additional topsoil is required it shall be in accordance with clause Q28:315

Each backfill layer shall be 150mm deep and shall be lightly consolidated, thoroughly watered to expel air pockets and with due allowance being made for future settlement.

590 MULCHING TREES AND SHRUBS IN ALL AREAS EXCEPT GRAVEL GARDEN:

Material: Amenity grade bark mulch.

Purity: Free of pests, disease, fungus and weeds.

Preparation: Clear all weeds, water soil thoroughly.

Coverage: In circular area of 500mm radius measured from the tree stem and throughout shrubs.

Finished level of mulch: 20mm below grassed or paved area.

590 MULCHING TREES AND SHRUBS IN GRAVEL GARDEN:

Material: Ornamental gravel, Ocean Blue or similar approved, size 10-15mm.

Purity: Free of pests, disease, fungus and weeds.

Preparation: Clear all weeds, water soil thoroughly.

Coverage: Throughout gravel garden.

Finished level of mulch: 20mm below paved area.

PROTECTING / MAINTAINING / MAKING GOOD DEFECTS

710 MAINTENANCE:

Frequency of maintenance visits: In accordance with the agreed maintenance schedule.

720 FAILURES OF PLANTING:

Defects due to materials or workmanship: Plants / trees / shrubs that have failed to thrive:

Exclusions: None

Rectification: Replace with equivalent plants / trees / shrubs.

Replacements: To match the size of adjacent or nearby plants of the same species or should match the original specification, whichever is the greater.

Timing of making good: By December 31st of the year in which each defect is identified.

790 FINAL MULCHING:

Watering: Ensure that soil is thoroughly moistened prior to remulching, applying water where necessary.

Planting beds: Remulch.

Depth (minimum): to original finished levels

Trees: Remulch.

Depth (minimum): to original finished levels

Q35 LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

GENERALLY

130 REINSTATEMENT

Damage or disturbance to soil structure, planting, grass, fencing, hard landscaping, structures or buildings: Reinstate to original condition.

155 WATERING

Supply: Potable mains water.

Quantity: Wet to field capacity .

Application: Do not damage or loosen plants.

Compacted soil: Loosen or scoop out, to direct water to rootzone.

Frequency: Weekly throughout first three growing seasons (April to October) for the continued thriving of all planting and sowing, each tree requires 20-25 litres. After three growing seasons water as necessary for the continued thriving of all planting and sowing.

160 WATER RESTRICTIONS

General: If water supply is, or is likely to be, restricted by emergency legislation, submit proposals for an alternative suitable source of water. Obtain instructions before proceeding.

170 DISPOSAL OF ARISING

General: Unless specified otherwise, dispose of arisings as follows:

Biodegradable arisings: Compost on site.

Grass cuttings: Compost on site.

Tree roots and stumps: Remove from site.

Shrub and tree prunings: Compost on site.

Litter and nonbiodegradable arisings: Remove from site.

190 LITTER

Extraneous rubbish not arising from the contract work: Collect and remove from site.

195 PROTECTION OF EXISTING GRASS

General: Protect areas affected by maintenance operations using boards/tarpaulins. Do not place excavated or imported materials directly on grass.

197 CLEANLINESS

Soil and arisings: Remove from hard surfaces.

General: Leave the works in a clean, tidy condition at completion and after any maintenance operations.

GRASSED AREAS

210 MAINTENANCE OF GRASSED AREAS

General: Maintain turf in a manner appropriate to the intended use, avoid cutting between April and July to encourage floristic sward.

Soil and grass:

Condition: Maintain a healthy vigorous sward, free from disease, fungal growth, discolouration, scorch or wilt.

Waterlogging and compaction: Prevent.

Damage: Repair trampling, abrasion or scalping.

220 GRASS CUTTING GENERALLY

Before mowing: Remove litter, rubbish and debris.

Finish: Neat and even, without surface rutting, compaction or damage to grass.

Edges: Leave neat and well defined. Neatly trim around obstructions.

Adjoining hard areas: Sweep clear and remove arisings.

Drought or wet conditions: Obtain instructions.

226 TREE STEMS

Precautions: Do not allow nylon filament rotary cutters and other mechanical tools closer than 100 mm to the stem of any tree.

Operations close to stems: Complete using hand tools.

250 LEAF REMOVAL

Operations: Collect fallen leaves.

Special requirements: None.

Disposal: Shred and compost on site.

255 FIRST CUT OF ALL GRASSED AREAS

Height of initial growth: 100 mm.

Preparation:

Debris and litter: Remove.

Stones and earth clods larger than 25 mm in any dimension: Remove

Height of first cut: 40 mm.

Mower type: Contractor's choice.

Arisings: Remove.

SHRUBS / TREES / HEDGES

500 ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW PLANTING

Duration: Five full growing seasons from the date of planting.

Weed control:

Method: Keep planting beds clear of weeds by maintaining full thickness of mulch.

Area: Maintain a weed free area around each tree and shrub, minimum diameter the larger of 1 m or the surface of the original planting pit.

Soil condition: Fork over beds only if necessary to keep soil loose, with gentle cambers and no hollows. Do not reduce depth or effect of mulch.

Watering: 20 - 25 litres per tree, weekly, throughout first three growing seasons (April to October), to ensure successful establishment and continued thriving of planting.

502 ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW SHRUB AND PERENNIALS PLANTING - ORGANIC FERTILISER

Time of year: March or April.

Type: Slow release.

Spreading: Spread evenly. Carefully lift and replace any mulch materials.

Application rate: As manufacturer's recommendations.

510 TREE STAKES AND TIES

Inspection/ Maintenance times: As scheduled and immediately after strong winds.

Stakes: Replace loose, broken or decayed stakes to original specification.

If longer than half of clear tree stem height, cut to this height in spring. Retie to tree firmly but not tightly with a single tie.

Ties: Adjust, refix or replace loose or defective ties, allowing for growth and to prevent chafing. Where chafing has occurred, reposition or replace ties to prevent further chafing.

Removal of stakes and ties: During spring when no longer required to support the tree.

Fill stake holes with lightly compacted soil.

520 REFIRMING OF TREES AND SHRUBS

Timing: After strong winds, frost heave and other disturbances.

Refirming: Tread around the base until firmly bedded.

Collars in soil at base of tree stems, created by tree movement: Break up by fork, avoiding damage to roots. Backfill with topsoil and refirm.

620 REMOVAL OF DEAD PLANT MATERIAL

Operations: At the end of the growing season, check all shrubs and remove all dead foliage, dead wood, and broken or damaged branches and stems.

630 DEAD AND DISEASED PLANTS

Removal: As soon as possible.

Replacement: In the next scheduled round of replacement planting.

635 REINSTATEMENT OF SHRUB/ HERBACEOUS AREAS

Dead and damaged plants: Remove.

Mulch/ matting materials:

Carefully move to one side and dig over the soil, leaving it fit for replanting.

Do not disturb roots of adjacent plants.

Replacement plants: As planting schedule

Use pits and plants: To original specification or to match the size of adjacent or nearby plants of the same species, whichever is the greater.

Additional requirements: None.

Dressing: Slow release organic fertiliser:

Type: Contractor's choice.

Application rate: As manufacturer's recommendations.

645 WEED CONTROL GENERALLY

Weed tolerance: At all times, weed cover less than 5% and no weed to exceed 100 mm high.

Adjacent plants, trees and grass: Do not damage.

650 HAND WEEDING

General: Remove weeds entirely, including roots.

Disturbance: Remove the minimum quantity of soil, and disturb plants, bulbs and mulched surfaces as little as possible.

Completion: Rake area to a neat, clean condition.

Mulch: Reinstate to original depth.

680 SOIL AERATION

Compacted soil surfaces:

Prick up: To aerate the soil of root areas and break surface crust.

Size of lumps: Reduce to crumb and level off.

Damage: Do not damage plants and their roots.

685 SOIL LEVEL ADJUSTMENT

Level of soil/mulch at edges of beds: Reduce to 50 mm below adjacent grass or hard surface.

Arisings (if any): Spread evenly over the bed.

690 MAINTENANCE OF LOOSE MULCH

Thickness (minimum): To original finished levels.

Top up: Annually.

Mulch spill on adjacent areas: Remove weeds and rubbish and return to planted area.
Weeding: Remove weeds growing on or in mulch by hand.

695 FERTILISING ESTABLISHED TREES AND SHRUBS

Time of year: During February or March.

Type of fertiliser: Organic slow release.

Application: Spread evenly.

Rate: As manufacturer's recommendations.

705 WINTER LEAF REMOVAL

Operations: Take down temporary leaf fences. Collect accumulations of drifted leaves from the vicinity and from planting beds.

Arisings: Compost on site.

710 MAINTENANCE

Duration: Carry out the operations in the following clauses from completion of planting until the end of the rectification period.

Frequency of maintenance visits: In accordance with the agreed maintenance schedule

720 FAILURES OF PLANTING

Defects due to materials or workmanship not in accordance with the Contract: Plants/ trees/ shrubs that have failed to thrive.

- Exclusions: None.
- Rectification: Replace with equivalent plants/ trees/ shrubs.

Replacements: To match size of adjacent or nearby plants of same species or match original specification, whichever is the greater.

Timing of making good: During the next suitable planting season

740 CLEANLINESS

Soil and arisings: Remove from hard surfaces and grassed areas.

General: Leave the works in a clean tidy condition at completion and after any maintenance operations.

750 PLANTING MAINTENANCE GENERALLY

Weed control: Maintain weed free area around each tree and shrub.

- Diameter (minimum): The larger of 1 m or the surface of original planting pit.
- Keep planting beds clear of weeds: By maintaining full thickness of mulch

Planted areas: Fork over beds as necessary to keep soil loose, with gentle cambers and no hollows. Take care not to reduce depth or effect of mulch.

Precautions: Ensure that trees and shrubs are not damaged by use of mowers, nylon filament rotary cutters and similar powered tools.

Firming up: Gently firm loosened soil around trees/ shrubs. Straighten leaning trees/ shrubs.

Tree accessories: Check condition of stakes, ties, guys, guards and irrigation and ventilation systems.

- Broken or missing items: Replace.
- Loose stakes: Re-firm in the ground or replace as necessary to provide support to the tree.
- Loose guys: Re-firm anchor points and adjust as necessary to provide support to the tree.
- Ties: Adjust to accommodate growth and prevent constriction or abrasion.

- Damage to bark: Cut back neatly with sharp knife. Prevent further damage.
- Frequency of checks: At each scheduled maintenance visit

Watering: Weekly throughout first three growing seasons (April to October), and afterwards water as required to ensure continued thriving, depending on weather conditions.

760 PLANTING MAINTENANCE – PRUNING

General: Prune to promote healthy growth and natural shape.

- Dead, dying, diseased wood and suckers: Remove.
- Timing: In accordance with the agreed maintenance schedule
- Trees: Favour a single central leading shoot.

Arisings: Remove.

790 FINAL MULCHING

Timing: At end of the maintenance period.

Watering: Ensure that soil is thoroughly moistened prior to remulching, applying water where necessary.

Planting beds: Remulch.

Depth (minimum): To original finished depth

Trees: Remulch.

Depth (minimum): To original finished depth