

PLANTING NOTES

1. Implementation of soft landscape proposals to be undertaken following completion of main construction works during the 1st available planting season (October to March).
2. Plant material to conform to the National Plant Specification. All plant stock to originate from within the UK. All plant stock, plant handling and planting to be undertaken in accordance with the following British Standard Specifications and Codes of Practice:
- BS 3936:1992 Part1 Nursery Stock – Specification for trees and shrubs;
 - BS 3936:1981 Part10 Nursery Stock – Specification for ground cover plants;
 - BS 4428:1989 – Code of Practice for General Landscape Operations (excluding hard surfaces);
 - BS8545:2014 – Trees from Nursery to Independence in the landscape – Recommendations; and
 - The Code of Practice 2002 (HTA).
3. Topsoil to be fertile with maximum 35% clay content and 5% minimum organic content, pH 5.8 - 7.5 and to be free of perennial weeds, weed seeds and contamination. Maximum stone content 20% (20mm-+ particle size), maximum size of stones 50mm in any direction.
- Existing topsoil to be ameliorated and/or screened, if necessary; to achieve this specification.
 - Imported topsoil to be to BS 3882: Multi-Purpose Grade, from an approved source, and to accord with the above specification.

4. Cultivation of all planting areas within the root protection areas of existing trees beneath the canopies of existing trees is to be undertaken by hand using handheld tools only, taking care to avoid ground compaction or damage to tree roots. The use of tracked or wheeled machinery (including rotovators), must not be used and any time. Levels must not be raised (particularly by the addition / spreading of topsoil associated with any turfing or grass seeding works) or lowered, in any way unless specially approved by the Local Authority.

PLANTING BEDS:

5. Planting beds to have a minimum depth of 450mm topsoil over 150mm broken up ground with all stones over 50mm removed. Soil conditioner: Sanitized and stabilised compost to BS1 PAS 100. Apply 50mm depth even coverage and incorporate into topsoil during cultivation operations, to a minimum depth of 150mm. Compost to be Compost Association certified, or from an approved supplier conforming to this specification. If no local supplies are available alternative organic peat free compost may be specified, subject to the Landscape Architect's approval.
6. Hedgerow plants to be planted in pits 150mm wider and deeper than root spread backfilled with excavated topsoil/compost, mixed with 'Sierrablen Flora' slow release fertiliser, quantity in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations. Hedge plants to be planted in staggered rows 500 mm apart at centres specified in schedule.
7. All planting beds (apart from marginal plants) to be mulched with matured coniferous bark, with an even particle size between 15 – 65mm, to a minimum depth of 75mm over weed free soil after completion of all planting and watering operations. Bark mulch is to be free from pests, diseases, fungus and weeds; and with no fines or dust. Source and sample of bark mulch to be approved.

GRASS AREAS

8. Grass areas are to have a minimum depth of 150mm topsoil brought to a fine tilth all stones over 40mm (25mm for lawns), in any direction removed. Areas should be uniformly firmed. Apply pre-seeding fertiliser (e.g. British Seed Houses BSH2), prior to grass seeding, in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations. Do not apply to wildflower areas.
- Grass seed mix to rear garden areas to be: GSS Cottage Lawn with micro clover mix, sown at a rate of 23g/m sq in equal sowing in transverse directions
 - Turf to be good quality lawn turves, to conform to BS 3936: 1998, free from undesirable grasses and weeds. Turfing operations to be carried out in accordance with the NBS Landscape Specification, Q30 - Seeding/Turfing, Clauses 430 and 440, the dressing to joints to be finely screened compost sand / topsoil.

ONGOING MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE NOTES:

1. Maintenance operations to be carried out as specified until planting becomes established (year 5 after planting).
2. Prune out damaged branches or deadwood, cutting back so as not to affect branch collar.
3. Shrubs - Weed control measures to continue until canopy of shrubs is closed. Weeds are 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 – Shrubs to be watered on weekly basis during growing season (April – October) for first two years. Watering to be from above and via pipe to ensure soaking of ground until field capacity of the soils is reached. After which, during periods of dry weather apply sufficient water to maintain healthy growth. Allow, at each operation, watering to field capacity.
5. Re-firming - Ensure that all shrubs are firmly bedded in the ground after strong winds, frost heave or other disturbances.
6. Protection/Reinstatement - Regularly inspect all planting and grassed areas, e.g. 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.

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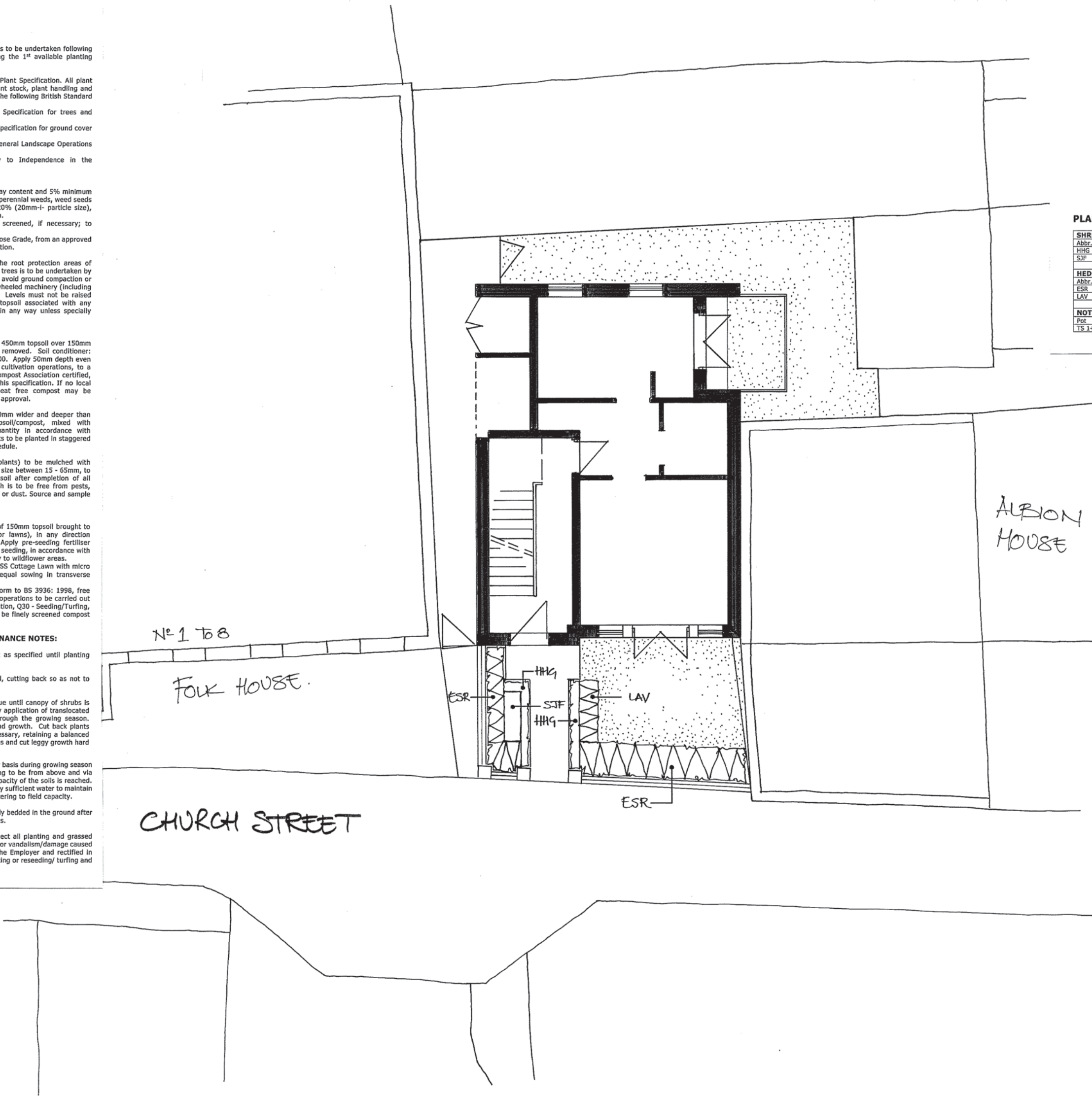
	PROPOSED SHRUB PLANTING
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	PROPOSED GRASS AREAS

PLANTING SCHEDULE

SHRUBS / HERBACEOUS/GROUND COVER PLANTING				
Abbr.	Species	Type/Size (cm)		Centres
HHG	Hedera helix 'Glacier'	1L Pot	20 – 30 cm	450
SJF	Spiraea japonica 'Firelight'	3L Pot	40 – 60 cm	600

HEDGE PLANTING Planted at staggered centres 500mm apart				
Abbr.	Species	Type/Size (cm)		Centres
ESR	Escallonia 'Red Hedger'	3L Pot	40 – 60 cm	600
LAV	Lavandula angustifolia 'Munstead'	3L Pot	25 – 30 cm	600

NOTE:	
Pot	= Container grown plants
TS 1+1	= Transplant / Years



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