

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 Part 1 Nursery Stock – Specification for trees and shrubs;
- BS 3936:1981 Part 10 Nursery Stock – Specification for ground cover plants;
- BS 4428:1989 – Code of Practice for General Landscape Operations (excluding hard surfaces);
- BS 58545:2014 + A1:2026 – 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 rotavators), 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 seedling works) or lowered, in any way unless specially approved by the Local Authority.

TREES:

5. Trees to be planted at correct depth in square pits 2 to 3 times width of root ball / root spread and at shallow depth same as depth of root ball / root spread with spiked bottom full depth of fork (but not cultivated) to relieve any compaction and assist drainage backfilled with local topsoil and if required, mixed with peat free organic tree planting compost and slow release fertiliser. Trees to be supported by 1 no. 100mm x 3000mm softwood timber stake and 1 No. adjustable tree tie

6. As appropriate, all trees are to be fitted with 'Greenleaf "Root-rain Urban" irrigation pipe and inlet, or similar approved, sized as appropriate to aid watering operations.

7. . No trees are to be planted within 3m of sewers or services (or other easement recommended by the relevant statutory undertaker) without the use of tree root barriers, e.g. 'Greenleaf' Reroot 600 /100 placed between the tree and services. The Contractor is to ascertain the location of all sewers and services prior to carrying out any tree planting to avoid these routes or existing services and to place the root barrier(s) adjacent to the sewer / services route to maximise tree root area.

PLANTING BEDS:

8. 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 BSI 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

ONGOING MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE NOTES:

1. Maintenance operations to be carried out as specified until planting becomes established (year 5 after planting).

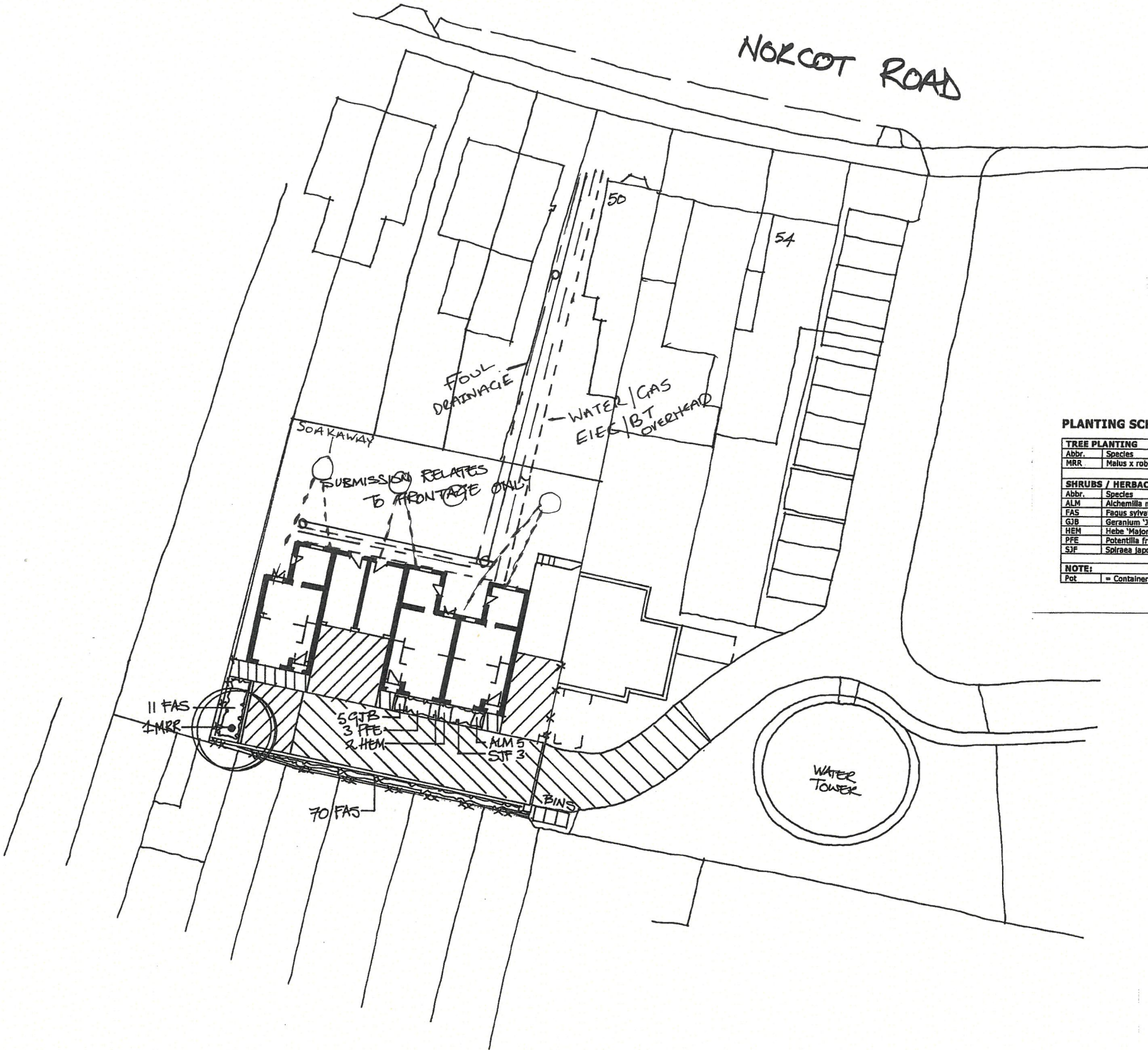
2. Trees - Check stakes and ties and adjust if necessary, in summer and winter. Remove stakes when no longer required, i.e. after 3 years. Prune out damaged branches or deadwood, cutting back so as not to affect branch collar. Progressively raise canopies of new trees to provide clearance for vehicles and pedestrians.

3. Shrubs - Weed control measures to continue until canopy of shrubs is closed. Weeds 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 - Trees 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 trees and 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 reseedling/ turfing and protective measures if required.



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A - Project title changed and planting schedule added	12/03/2026	DHW
B - Service routes corrected and planting amended	26/03/2026	DHW
C - Plant numbers & surface materials added	10/04/2026	DHW
D - Tree added to front plus tarmac drive	01/05/2026	DHW
E - All information removed from rear gardens	12/05/2026	DHW

LEGEND

	PROPOSED TREE PLANTING
	PROPOSED SHRUB PLANTING
	PROPOSED TARMAC DRIVEWAY
	PROPOSED BLOCK PAVING (Marshalls Keyblock 60 Block Paving - Brindle colour)
	PROPOSED PAVING SLABS (Marshalls Pendle Utility Garden Paving 600 x 600mm Buff colour)
	PROPOSED 2m HIGH CLOSE BOARD FENCING
	PROPOSED 2m HIGH LARCH LAP FENCING

PLANTING SCHEDULE

TREE PLANTING					
Abbr.	Species	Girth/Size (cm)	Centres	Quantity	
MRR	Malus x robusta 'Red Sentinel'	Std / 45L Pot	8 - 10 cm	As Shown	1
SHRUBS / HERBACEOUS/GROUND COVER PLANTING					
Abbr.	Species	Type/Size (cm)	Centres	Quantity	
ALM	Alchemilla mollis	3L Pot	20 - 30 cm	300	5
FAS	Fagus sylvatica	3L Pot	40 - 60 cm	600	81
GJB	Geranium 'Johnson Blue'	3L Pot	15 - 20 cm	500	5
HEM	Hebe 'Majorie'	3L Pot	30 - 40 cm	600	2
PFE	Potentilla fruticosa 'Elizabeth'	3L Pot	30 - 40 cm	600	3
SJF	Spiraea japonica 'Firelight'	3L Pot	40 - 60 cm	600	3
NOTE:					
Pot	= Container grown plants				

Project:

**DEVELOPMENT AT No.21 SONA GARDENS
(REAR OF No.50 NORCOT ROAD), TILEHURST,
READING
RG30 6BU**

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