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5 year landscape management plan

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1. Introduction

This Landscape Management Plan sets out the management and maintenance responsibilities for all soft landscape areas. The management and maintenance responsibilities are to be carried out in accordance with the details in this document. This Landscape Management plan is to be read in conjunction with the landscape plan.

The landscape plan was developed using inspiration from the local street scene, taking inspiration from the local material and planting palette. British native planting that will thrive in costal conditions in combination with planting found in Dorset Councils Biodiversity Appraisal Protocol Advice Note - Planting scheme recommendations' have been used throughout the scheme. In combination with hedgehog holes within the site, a diverse mixture of trees and planting aid to enhance the biodiversity within this development.

2. Management Responsibilities & Objectives

The management and maintenance responsibilities will run for a minimum of 5 years, commencing on the date of practical completion. At the end of the 5-year establishment period it is recommended that the management operations in this document are reviewed. This will allow for sustainable long-term management of the landscape.

All soft landscaping should be carried out in the planting season October to March.

- Maintain soft landscape areas as specified in this document
- Replace any trees or plants that die within a period of 5 years from the date of practical completion
- Ensure early establishment and healthy growth of all newly planted shrubs, trees and herbaceous planting
- Ensure long term health of all plant stock
- Ensure horticultural practices are followed
- Maximise the ecological benefit where appropriate
- Ensure health & safety practices followed
- Ensure risk assessments are undertaken prior to undertaking maintenance operations

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3. Tree Planting Maintenance

NEW TREES													
Operation	Frequency	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Inspect monthly to assess health	Years 1 - 5												
Inspect after major storms to assess health	As required												
Remove weeds around base of tree	As required												
Apply slow release fertiliser	Years 1-3												
Pruning to remove dead, damaged or diseased growth	As required												
Prune to maintain habit, form and promote healthy growth	Annually												
Watering during establishment period	Year 1												
Mulch around base to 75mm	Annually												
Check and adjust stakes and ties	Years 1-3												
Remove stakes and ties	Year 4												
Replace any trees that die in the next planting season	Years 1-5												

4. Shrub Planting Maintenance

NEW SHRUBS													
Operation	Frequency	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Remove weeds around base	As required												
Apply slow release fertiliser	Years 1-3												
Pruning to remove dead, damaged or diseased growth	As required												
Prune to maintain habit, form and promote healthy growth	Annually												
Watering during establishment period	Year 1												
Mulch around base to 75mm	Annually												
Replace any shrubs that die in the next planting season	Years 1-5												
Maintain shrubs in visibility splays to below 600mm	As required												

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5. Hedgerow Maintenance

NEW HEDGEROWS													
Operation	Frequency	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Remove weeds around base of hedgerow	As required												
Apply slow release fertiliser	Years 1-3												
Pruning to remove dead, damaged or diseased growth	As required												
Prune to maintain habit, form and promote healthy growth	Annually												
Watering during establishment period	Year 1												
Mulch around base to 75mm	Annually												
Check and adjust stakes / canes and ties	Years 1-3												
Remove stakes / canes and ties	Year 4												
Replace any shrubs that die in the next planting season	Years 1-5												
Maintain hedges in visibility splays to below 600mm	As required												

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6. Herbaceous Planting Maintenance

NEW HERBACEOUS PLANTING													
Operation	Frequency	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Remove weeds around base	As required												
Apply slow release fertiliser	Years 1-3												
Pruning to remove dead, damaged or diseased growth	As required												
Deadhead plants after flowering	As required												
Cut back flowering spikes	Annually												
Watering during establishment period	Year 1												
Mulch around base to 75mm	Annually												
Replace any plants that die in the next planting season	Years 1-5												
Maintain plants in visibility splays to below 600mm	As required												

7. Amenity Lawn Maintenance

AMENITY LAWN													
Operation	Frequency	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Watering during establishment period	Year 1												
Fertilise lawn	Annually												
Remove any unwanted weeds	As required												
Dethatch lawn	Annually												
Re-seed any bare or sparse areas	As required												
Aerate soil to alleviate soil compaction	Annually												
Mow lawn at a height of 25-40mm	Annually												