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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose and scope of this report

- 1.1.1 RPS was commissioned by Willmott Dixon Construction Ltd on behalf of North Hertfordshire District Council (NHDC) to undertake a Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) assessment of a parcel of land, located at Royston Leisure Centre, 29 Woodcock Road, Royston SG8 7XT, as part of the NHDC Decarbonisation Project.
- 1.1.2 The BNG Assessment is in support of a planning application. The proposals are for decarbonisation works, comprising the introduction of external rendering, a new Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP), photovoltaic panels, substation and hard and soft landscaping.
- 1.1.3 RPS undertook the UK Habitat (UKHab) Survey in 2024, full details of which can be found in the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (RPS, 2025a).
- 1.1.4 This report addresses Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) for the project and provides:
 - Details of the UK Habitat Survey Map;
 - Assessment of the baseline (pre-development) ecological value; and
 - Assessment of the post-development ecological value.

1.2 Biodiversity Net Gain and Methods

- 1.2.1 Biodiversity Net Gain is defined in Baker *et al* (2019)¹ as:
"Development that leaves biodiversity in a better state than before"
- 1.2.2 The requirement for developments to seek to achieve BNG arises from the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), which states in Para. 193 (d) that:
- 1.2.3 *'When determining planning applications, local planning authorities should apply the following principles: ...opportunities to improve biodiversity in and around developments should be integrated as part of their design, especially where this can secure measurable net gains for biodiversity...'*
- 1.2.4 There is no single set method for quantifying the assessment of BNG, but one method is the use of biodiversity calculators to assess the biodiversity value of habitats pre- and post-development based on habitat type, distinctiveness and condition.
- 1.2.5 A biodiversity index is derived for the baseline and for the proposed development, and BNG is considered to be achieved where an increase in value is delivered (on or offsite), and where habitats of a higher value are not replaced exclusively with habitats of a lower value.
- 1.2.6 Defra made available its beta test update of its BNG assessment tool in July 2021 and updated to Statutory Version in December 2023, updated July 2024. This tool has been used for the assessment in this report.

Condition Assessment

- 1.2.7 Using the data collected from the UKHab Survey, a habitat condition assessment was undertaken for the habitats present within the project boundary. The appropriate 'condition sheet' was first

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selected via the Table TS1-1a in the technical supplement provided in the Biodiversity Metric 4.0 - Technical Annex 1: Condition Assessment Sheets and Methodology (Panks, *et al.*, 2023).

- 1.2.8 The condition sheet was then used to assess the individual habitats by comparing how they scored against pre-set condition assessment criteria. The criteria describe what components are needed for the habitat to be of good, moderate or poor value.
- 1.2.9 Each habitat was scored the following:
- 1 – Poor;
 - 2 – Moderate; and
 - 3 – Good.
- 1.2.10 The calculator allows these to be further divided and provides categories for fairly good and fairly poor. The ecologist undertaking the assessment used their professional judgement, considering the habitat condition assessment criteria, to decide when it was suitable to use these categories.
- 1.2.11 It should be noted that some habitats with low or no ecological value are given a fixed score and do not need assessing.

2 PRE-DEVELOPMENT HABITATS

2.1 UK Habitat Survey

- 2.1.1 The UK Habitat Survey of the site was undertaken in September 2024. The survey was conducted by RPS Consultant Ecologist, Toni Winbourne.
- 2.1.2 The habitats are described in turn, with specific reference to guidance on habitat conditions, and are mapped in **Figure 1**.

2.2 Results: Pre-development habitats (on-site)

Modified Grassland – g4

- 2.2.1 Mown modified grassland was present on the west of the site, the grassland was species poor and had a short sward height. The grassland was dominated by annual meadow grass (*Poa annua*) and perennial rye (*Lolium perenne*) and included cock's foot (*Dactylis glomerata*), yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*), hawkweed (*Hieracium lachenalia*), dandelion (*Taraxacum officinale*), daisy (*Bellis perennis*), dove's-foot crane's-bill (*Geranium molle*), bristly ox-tongue (*Helminthotheca echinoides*), lady's bedstraw (*Galium verum*), meadow vetchling (*Lathyrus pratensis*), and greater plantain (*Plantago major*). The playground area is excluded from this areas calculations.
- 2.2.2 This would be classified as Modified Grassland *poor* condition, failing to meet the following criteria:
- There are 6-8 vascular plant species per m² present, including at least 2 forbs. Note - this criterion is essential for achieving moderate or good condition;
 - Sward height is varied (at least 20% of the sward is less than 7 cm and at least 20% is more than 7 cm) creating microclimates which provide opportunities for vertebrates and invertebrates to live and breed; and
 - Physical damage is evident in less than 5% of total grassland area. Examples of physical damage include excessive poaching, damage from machinery use or storage, erosion caused by high levels of access, or any other damaging management activities.

Suburban mosaic of developed land and natural surface-introduced shrub – u1d.847

- 2.2.3 At the east end of the building was a large area of non-native planting of a 'rockery' type with large stones present. Species included grey santolina (*Santolina chamaecyparissus*), flaky juniper (*Juniperus squamata*), dwarf mountain pine (*Pinus mugo*), and Japanese yew (*Taxus cuspidate*). This was surrounded on the driveway side by cherry laurel *Prunus laurocerasus* shrubs. In the northwest of the site two areas dominated *Photinia* sp. were present.
- 2.2.4 This would be classified as Vegetated Garden, a condition assessment of this habitat type is not required in accordance with the Statutory Biodiversity Metric Condition Assessments, being of a low value, by default.

Trees – u1d.847.200

- 2.2.5 A medium wild cherry (*Prunus avium*) in the east of site and a small silver birch (*Betula pendula*) near the centre of the site were present. Both trees fit the early-mature age class.
- 2.2.6 These would be classified as Urban Trees of a *moderate* condition, failing to meet the following criteria:
- The tree is mature (or more than 50% within the block are mature):

- There is little or no evidence of an adverse impact on tree health by human activities (such as vandalism, herbicide or detrimental agricultural activity). And there is no current regular pruning regime, so the trees retain >75% of expected canopy for their age range and height; and
- Natural ecological niches for vertebrates and invertebrates are present, such as presence of deadwood, cavities, ivy or loose bark.

Artificial unvegetated; unsealed surface – u1c

- 2.2.7 A paved bicycle parking area, gravel drains and unsealed pathways were also present on site.
- 2.2.8 This would be classified as Artificial Unvegetated, Unsealed Surface, a condition assessment of this habitat type is not required in accordance with the Statutory Biodiversity Metric Condition Assessments, being of a low value, by default.

Building – u1b5

- 2.2.9 The site contains one large building constructed using brick, timber and cladding. The building is double storey with a skillion roof. The building is in good condition.
- 2.2.10 This would be classified as Developed Land; Sealed Surface, a condition assessment of this habitat type is not required in accordance with the Statutory Biodiversity Metric Condition Assessments, being of very low value, by default.

Other developed land – u1b6

- 2.2.11 A large area of the site comprised a carpark and walkways.
- 2.2.12 This would be classified as Developed Land; Sealed Surface, a condition assessment of this habitat type is not required in accordance with the Statutory Biodiversity Metric Condition Assessments, being of very low value, by default.

3 POST-DEVELOPMENT HABITATS

3.1 Post-development habitats (on-site)

- 3.1.1 This section of the report looks at the habitats which are to be created during the construction phase of the development and provides reasoning as to their habitat classification and condition category, as was completed for the pre-development habitats.
- 3.1.2 The habitats described below are in accordance with the landscape planting plan (RPS, 2025b) in **Figure 2**.
- 3.1.3 Several habitats are not awarded a habitat condition, owing to their inherently low ecological value (developed land, sealed surface for example), and so these habitats are not discussed below.
- 3.1.4 The post-development areas were informed by the Royston Leisure Centre- Sketch Site Plan P04 (Saunders Boston Architects, 2025).

Small Native Urban Trees

- 3.1.5 14 small native urban trees (stem diameter breast height >7.5 cm) are proposed within the landscaping plan for the development, all situated within the modified grassland in the west of the site. Utilising the urban tree calculator, 14 small trees are represented by a measure of 0.057001057 ha (excluded from total area calculation).
- 3.1.6 As four condition assessment criteria will be achieved, the condition has been assigned as 'moderate' (**Table 1**). This must be met in 27 years in accordance with The Statutory Biodiversity Metric Calculation Tool.
- 3.1.7 They will consist of native species and provide suitable foraging and nesting space for invertebrates and foraging opportunities for birds.

Table 1 Future urban tree habitat condition assessment

Condition Assessment Criteria		Criterion passed (Yes or No)
A	The tree is a native species (or at least 70% within the block are native species).	Yes
B	The tree canopy is predominantly continuous, with gaps in canopy cover making up <10% of total area and no individual gap being >5 m wide (individual trees automatically pass this criterion).	Yes
C	The tree is mature (or more than 50% within the block are mature).	Yes
D	There is little or no evidence of an adverse impact on tree health by human activities (such as vandalism, herbicide or detrimental agricultural activity). And there is no current regular pruning regime, so the trees retain >75% of expected canopy for their age range and height.	No
E	Natural ecological niches for vertebrates and invertebrates are present, such as presence of deadwood, cavities, ivy or loose bark.	No
F	More than 20% of the tree canopy area is oversailing vegetation beneath.	Yes
Passes 5 or 6 criteria		Good (3)

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Passes 3 or 4 criteria	Moderate (2)	X
Passes 2 or fewer criteria	Poor (1)	

Meadow Grassland

- 3.1.8 An area of 0.024 ha of modified grassland will be enhanced to meadow grassland, this habitat is referred to as other-neutral grassland within the metric. The meadow grassland will be sown with EM3 Special General Purpose Meadow Mixture (Emorsgate Seeds) or similar, containing a mix of 20% native wild flowers and 80% slow growing grasses.
- 3.1.9 As greater than three condition assessment criteria will be achieved, the condition has been assigned as 'moderate' (**Table 2**). This must be met in 10 years in accordance with The Statutory Biodiversity Metric Calculation Tool.
- 3.1.10 The grassland will provide suitable foraging/sheltering habitat for reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates, small mammals and birds.

Table 2 Future other-neutral grassland habitat condition assessment

Condition Assessment Criteria		Criterion passed (Yes or No)
A	The parcel represents a good example of its habitat type, with a consistently high proportion of characteristic indicator species present relevant to the specific habitat type. Note - this criterion is essential for achieving Moderate or Good condition for non-acid grassland types only.	Yes
B	Sward height is varied (at least 20% of the sward is less than 7 cm and at least 20% is more than 7 cm) creating microclimates which provide opportunities for insects, birds and small mammals to live and breed.	No
C	Cover of bare ground is between 1% and 5%, including localised areas, for example, rabbit warrens.	No
D	Cover of bracken <i>Pteridium aquilinum</i> is less than 20% and cover of scrub (including bramble <i>Rubus fruticosus</i> agg.) is less than 5%.	Yes
E	Combined cover of species indicative of suboptimal condition and physical damage (such as excessive poaching, damage from machinery use or storage, damaging levels of access, or any other damaging management activities) accounts for less than 5% of total area. If any invasive non-native plant species (as listed on Schedule 9 of WCA) are present, this criterion is automatically failed.	Yes
Passes 5 or 6 criteria	Good (3)	
Passes 3 or 4 criteria	Moderate (2)	X
Passes 2 or fewer criteria	Poor (1)	

Ground level Planter

- 3.1.11 A ground level planter with an area of approx. 7 m² is proposed in the cycle parking. This would be classified as a ground level planter within the metric and no condition assessment is required.

Screening shrubs

- 3.1.12 Screening shrubs with an area of approx. 17 m² are proposed in the west of the site.
- 3.1.13 These would be classified as a introduced shrub within the metric and no condition assessment is required.

4 CONCLUSIONS / SUMMARY

- 4.1.1 The site, pre-development comprised a number of habitats, of varying quality. Modified grassland of poor condition, vegetated garden of low quality, urban trees of moderate and poor condition, and developed land/unvegetated unsealed areas of very low quality.
- 4.1.2 Considering all of the above, the pre-development score for the site is calculated to be **0.39 habitat units**.
- 4.1.3 As part of the ongoing development of the scheme, the mitigation hierarchy has been followed as to ensure that biodiversity impacts are minimised as much as possible.
- 4.1.4 **Avoid:** The habitats of highest value have been retained and will be enhanced and restored. For example, the urban trees and scrub within the site ownership boundary have been excluded from the red line of the proposal.
- 4.1.5 **Minimise:** In order to minimise the impact of biodiversity loss as much as possible, vegetation removal required for works has been minimised as much as feasible.
- 4.1.6 **Mitigate:** In order to mitigate for the loss of pre-development habitats, a number of native urban trees will be planted and meadow grassland sown within the post-development scheme.
- 4.1.7 **Offset:** Based on all of the above, the scheme meets the minimum requirement of +10% BNG, and so, at this time, no offsetting has been considered.
- 4.1.8 The final BNG score for the site a gain of **+0.04 habitat units, or + 10.46%, with the trading rules satisfied**

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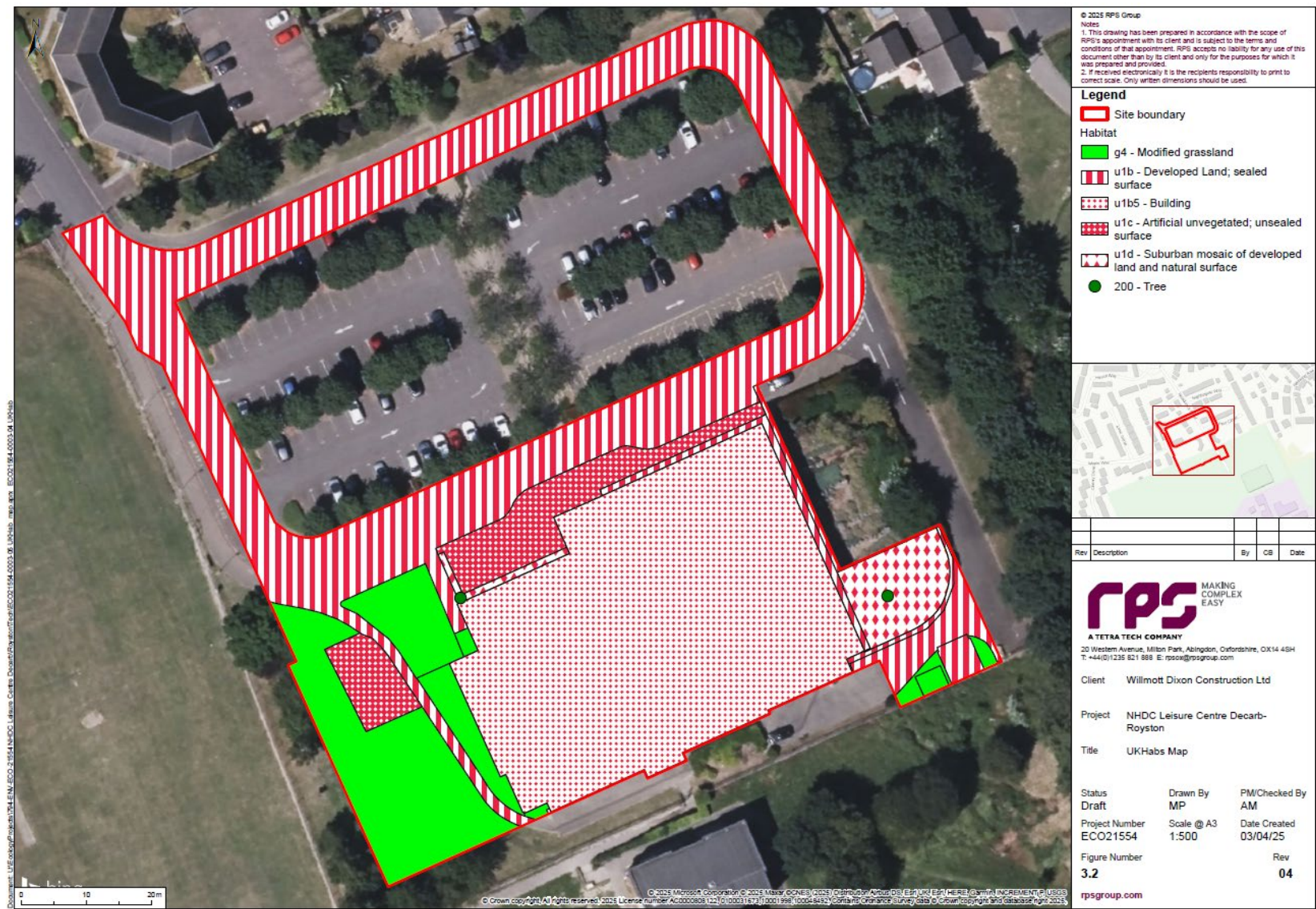


Figure 1 Pre-development habitat plan

Figure 2 Landscape planting plan (RPS, 2025b)

PLANTING SPECIFICATION

EXISTING TREES AND SHRUBS

Where existing trees & shrubs are to be retained they should be subject to a full arboricultural inspection for safety.

Any surgery required shall be in accordance with BS 3998 (2010) 'Tree Work - Recommendations', shall comply with any existing T.P.O requirements and shall require the prior approval of the Landscape Architect.

Avoid damage to branches, trunks and roots of trees. All existing trees & hedges to be retained are subject to BS 5837 (2012) 'Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations', and should be fully fenced off, prior to the commencement of any works, in accordance with Figure 2 (p20) at the full extent of the root protection area, as determined by section 4.6 (p10-11) and Annex D (p40).

No storage of materials, disposal of rubbish, site fires, spillage of oil and chemicals, ground compaction, excavation or changes in level shall be carried out within existing tree / hedge canopies.

PLANTING

All plants and planting to comply with the requirements of all current / relevant British Standard specifications including BS 8545 (2014) 'Trees from Nursery to Independence in the Landscape', BS 3036: Part 1 (1992), Part 2 (1990) and Part 4 (2007) and BS 4043 (1989) where applicable, BS 4428 (1989). All plants to be supplied in accordance with the plant schedule and with regard to imported stock and notifiable diseases within the Plant Health Act 1967 (revised 2009). Any plant material planted outside the recognised planting season (Nov-Feb), to be containerised stock and supplied at the sizes specified. Where possible, trees and shrubs of UK provenance are preferred.

TREE PLANTING

A suitable method of foundation allowing for existing ground conditions is to be provided to accommodate the proposed tree planting. All trees are to be planted as shown ensuring a minimum of 5 metres from buildings and 3 metres from drainage and services. Where necessary, root barriers to be installed (supplier: GreenBlue Urban (www.greenblueurban.com), or equal approved), as recommended by structural engineer. Allow for the use of container grown stock during the period 1 April to 31 October, and field grown stock from 1 November to 31 March.

SHRUB PLANTING

Where a shrub planting mix has been specified, plants to be grouped in 3 No. (min.) to 7 No. (max.) single species groups. Larger species to be located towards the rear of planting beds (i.e. where against a screen wall / house frontage), or towards the centre of an island planting bed. Thorny species to be located centrally within the planting bed.

RABBIT PROTECTION

Contractor to assess site for presence of rabbits. If rabbits are present, contractor is to provide rabbit proof fencing to either a) the entire site boundary, or b) the boundary of all planting beds. Contractor to ensure all existing and new vegetation (ornamental and native) and seeding is protected.

TOPSOIL REQUIREMENTS

To BS 3882 (2015) 'Specification for topsoil' as qualified by full contract specification. All areas shall be cultivated to a minimum depth of 150mm. Full weed, rubbish and stones over 20mm gauge shall be removed. Earth to be rolled as required and raked in two directions. Applied to all newly planted areas (except wildflower / meadow planting), to manufacturers' recommendations where appropriate.

Shrub / structure planting beds	-	450mm depth
Heavy standard tree pits	-	1500mm dia. x 450mm depth (Note: 450mm depth subsoil to be provided below - refer to tree pit details)
Grass areas (incl. rear gardens)	-	150mm depth

Where necessary increase tree pit dimensions to ensure that tree pits are at least 75mm deeper and 150mm wider than rootball. Break up bottom of pits to a depth of 150mm. Compacted glazed sides of pits should be roughened.

Full analysis of existing and imported topsoil required prior to use.

TOPSOIL IMPROVEMENTS

Applied to all newly planted areas, to manufacturers' recommendations where appropriate:

- Incorporate 75mm depth of soil conditioner into topsoil during cultivation;
- Incorporate Enmag CRF granular fertilizer at approx 140g per pit to standard tree pit backfill and 70g per pit to structural / ornamental shrub planting;
- Watering - supply minimum 54 litres / tree and 4.5 litres / shrub at planting;
- Mulch - lightly fork over planted areas before applying a 75mm depth 50-100mm grade bark mulch. Note: all trees are to have minimum 300mm dia 'weed free' mulched areas around the base to eliminate the risk of strimmer damage. Ornamental Bark to consist of predominantly matured British Pine Bark with an even nominal particle size distribution of 5-35mm with 0% dust & fines & less than 5% wood content. The product shall be pest, disease & weed free & not have been treated with Methyl Bromide or any additives. The product shall have been tested in accordance with the requirements of BS 4790:1987 for fire resistance. NB - Watering to be carried out prior to application of bark mulch.

PLANT MATERIAL TREATMENT

NB All to be British grown stock and fully hardened off.

Root Dip - Proprietary Root Dip applied to all bare rooted stock (1) at time of lifting at nursery and (2) prior to planting.

Anti-Desiccant - Proprietary anti-desiccant to be applied to foliage of all containerised / rootballed material in leaf, specimen conifers and evergreens etc. (1) prior to transportation and (2) during any delay in planting.

Pruning - Allow for pruning of all deciduous trees and shrubs by 1/3rd following planting at Landscape Architects direction or as indicated in the planting schedule.

Tree Stakes & Ties - Stakes to be pressure treated, round, smooth and peeled Larch or Chestnut, not less than 100mm in diameter. Advanced nursery stock - double staked with cross bar.

TREE STAKES, TIES & GUARDS

Trees planted within grassed areas to be provided with appropriate conical strimmer guards. Stakes to be pressure impregnated softwood, round, peeled, straight, free of projections and pointed at one end. Minimum length and thickness to be determined as follows:

Tree type Ex / Hvy Std	Min Dia. 100mm	Overall Height 1.8m	Height exposed above ground 0.6m
Tree type Ex / Hvy Std	No. stakes 2	No. ties 1	

GRASS SEEDED AREAS

Grass seeding generally to BS 4428 (1998) 'Code of practice for general landscape operations'. When topsoil is reasonably dry and workable grade to smooth flowing contours removing all hollows and ridges. Cultivate soil to full depth and break up any compacted topsoil. Apply approved herbicide to control perennial weeds and allow period of time to elapse as recommended by manufacturer before final cultivation. Apply proprietary pre-seeding fertilizer. Reduce top 25mm of topsoil to a fine tilth by further cultivation. Remove stones exceeding 50mm in any dimension. Sow approved grass seed mixture in accordance with suppliers recommendations during appropriate season and weather conditions. e.g. Germinol (www.germinol.com) Mix A2 (Quality Lawn) (or equal approved) at 50gms/m2. Lightly harrow or rake then roll and cross-roll with lightweight roller.

GRASS SEEDED AREAS: ESTABLISHMENT CUT

When grass is between 40-75mm high remove stones and debris exceeding 50mm in any dimension and roll with a lightweight roller. About 48 hours later cut grass to approximately 35mm high. Remove and dispose of all arisings.

PROTECTIVE FENCING

The contractor shall maintain fencing until all site works are complete. The contractor will then remove the fencing and reinstate the ground. The fencing will remain the property of the contractor.

Within the area so fenced, the existing ground level shall be neither raised nor lowered, all excavations shall then be carried out by hand.

The Local Planning Authority shall be advised in writing when the protective fencing has been erected so that it can be checked on site before development commences, and shall thereafter be maintained during the period of construction.

MAINTENANCE

Regular visits (minimum 14 No.) required during the defects liability / rectification period to maintain all planted areas in a weed and litter free condition using a combination of chemical spray and hand weeding to be agreed with the Landscape Architect. Maintenance to include watering, pruning, pest and disease control and re-mulching as required. Grass areas to be mowed at 2 week intervals during the growing season.

Structure planting areas shall be maintained as non competitive weed free environment by repeated applications of a glyphosate based herbicide. Persistent weeds and unwanted scrub shall be spot treated as necessary with an alternative herbicide to be agreed with the Landscape Architect.

Watering shall be carried out as necessary to maintain healthy growth or as required by the Landscape Architect.

NB: Final visit to be immediately prior to handing over and to include a fertilizer treatment of Enmag CRF granular fertilizer at 100g / m2 and a 25mm depth bark mulch top up to all planted areas.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

The landscape sub-contractor is to take all safety precautions to prevent any injury to any persons. The landscape sub-contractor shall comply with the requirements of the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974 and current Construction, Design and Management Regulations (2015).

All subject to Local Authority approval.

BIOSECURITY

RPS GROUP ARE COMMITTED TO THE PROTECTION OF THE UK ENVIRONMENT AND RECOGNISE THE IMPORTANCE OF RISKS POSED BY IMPORTED PESTS AND DISEASES

- All trees and shrubs are to be sourced responsibly, in the first instance, from UK Nurseries / suppliers, where they have been propagated and/or grown on for a minimum of 5 years in the UK (2 years for shrubs);
- In light of this, all suppliers shall be approved, shall share our values and must have a sound Biosecurity Policy / Management Systems in place to demonstrate the traceability of their stock, and an awareness of the prevalence of all current biosecurity threats, both domestically and abroad;
- The contractor is responsible for ensuring that they operate in strict accordance with the latest guidelines set out by DEFRA, including regularly checking for updates in relation to the latest health controls / diseases; i.e. (http://planthealthportal.defra.gov.uk)
- Inspections will be carried out at selected nurseries and plant health certification / passports will be sought to identify traceability of tree and shrub stock as required.

WILDFLOWER MANAGEMENT

Do not use fertiliser

Control weeds before sowing. Annual weeds may be hoed, buried or killed with a contract herbicide. Perennial weeds should be eradicated by a translocated glyphosate-based herbicide.

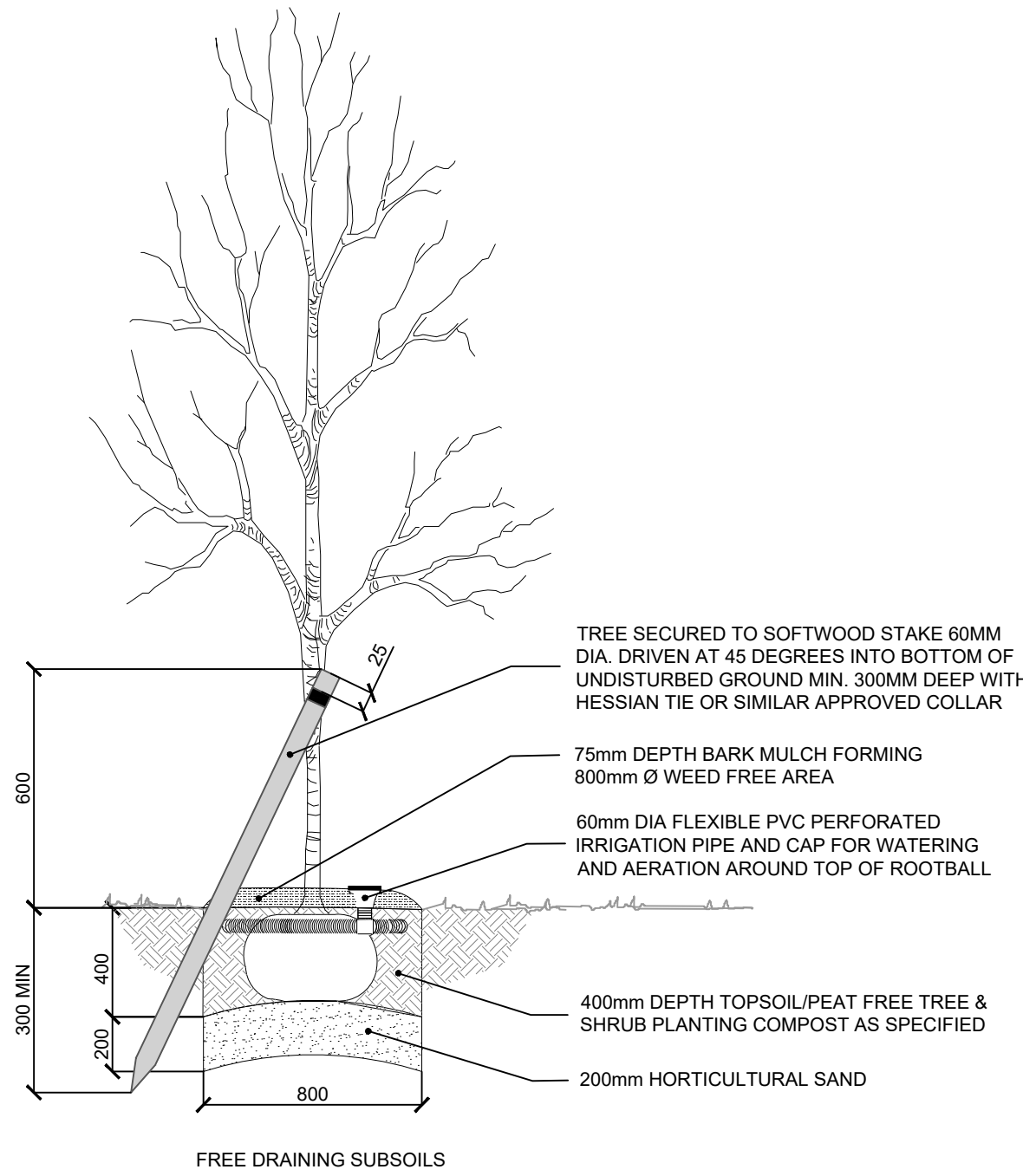
Sow mixtures either from early March to early May, or from early August to mid September, cultivate the ground to provide a fine, weed free seed bed, firm if necessary. Sow evenly at 4gms / m2, thoroughly mix one part seed with four parts dry sand to easily distribute.

Rake seed in lightly with spring-tined rake and firm soil by treading or, preferably, rolling. Water with a fine spray and keep well watered and free from unwanted plants.

Cut the sward every six-eight weeks during the first year after sowing and remove the cuttings, in the following years cut in early spring before growth starts and in October once wild flowers have been shed - remove all cuttings.

VEGETATION ADJOINING PARKING

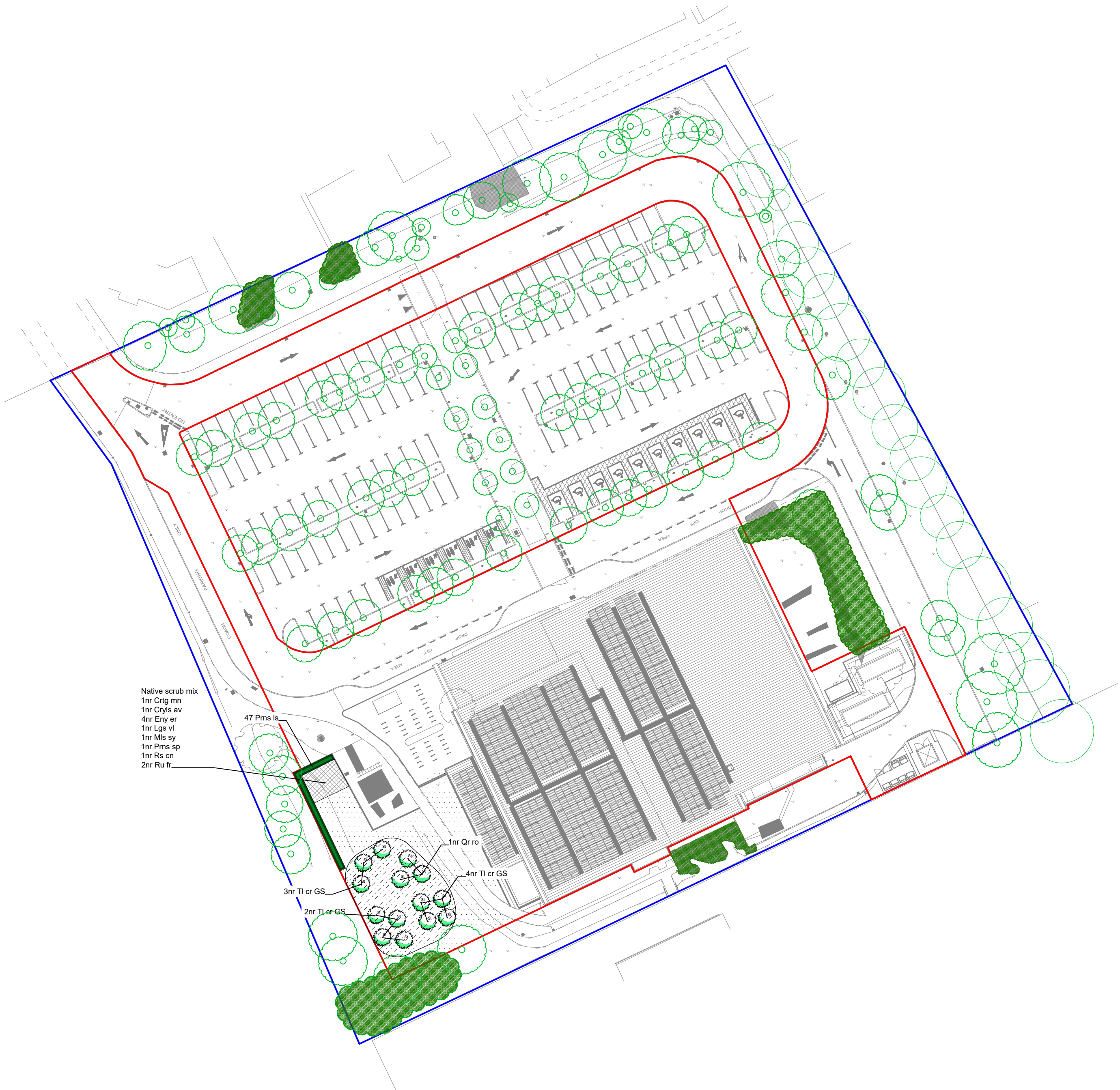
Vegetation adjacent to these parking provisions should be selected to have a mature growth height no higher than 1 metre; trees should not have foliage, shoots, or lower branches below 2m - thereby allowing a 1 metre clear field of vision.'



FREE DRAINING SUBSOILS

TREE PIT DETAIL

8-12cm GIRTH



Native scrub mix
1nr Crtg mn
1nr Crlys av
4nr Eryr er
1nr Lgs vl
1nr Mls sy
1nr Pms sp
1nr Rls cn
2nr Ru fr

Tree Planting Schedule							
No.	Abb. Text	Species	Form	Age	Girth / Height	Clear Stem	Root
7	Tl cr GS	Tilia cordata 'Green Spire'	Standard	3x	8-12cm girth	175-200cm	Rootball or container
3	Qr ro	Quercus robur	Standard	3x	8-12cm girth	175-200cm	Rootball or container
4	Be pnd	Betula pendula	Standard	3x	8-12cm girth	175-200cm	Rootball or container
Native Mixed Scrub							
No.	Abb. Text	Species	Form	Age	Girth / Height	Clear Stem	Root
AS	Native scrub mix	Corylus avellana, Rubus fruticosus, Prunus spinosa, Malus sylvestris, Ligustrum vulgare, Euonymus europaeus, Rosa canina and Crataegus monogyna	Whip (2L Holly)	1x	60-90cm	N/A	Bare root, potted Holly
Hedgerow Schedule							
No.	Abb. Text	Species	Pot size	Age	Girth / Height	Clear Stem	Root
47	Prns ls	Prunus lusitanica	5-7.5L		60-80cm	min 200cm	Container

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Proposed elements

SITE DEVELOPMENT BOUNDARY

SITE OWNERSHIP BOUNDARY

SOFT LANDSCAPE

Proposed elements

LOCAL TREE
8-10cm girth

MOWN AMENITY GRASS

GENERAL MEADOW AREA

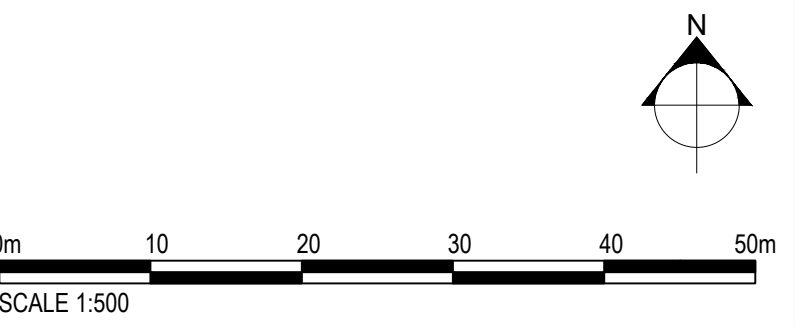
NATIVE MIXED SCRUB

Existing features

TREES
To be retained and protected

WOODLAND
To be retained and protected

TREE GROUP
To be retained and protected



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