SPECIFICATION NOTES - REFER ALSO TO THE TENDER DOCUMENT.

1.0 Setting out

1.1 Planting shall be set out exactly as shown on the drawing, and measured from existing fixed points. Curved beds shall be set out using radii scribed on the ground using two pointed stakes and a line between, or with site marker paint. The junction between convex and concave curves shall be cut to form a smooth and even flowing line. Check that all setting out conforms to the plan before cultivation and planting works are carried out. Failure to do so may result in rejection of the work by the landscape architect and may require amendment at the contractor's expense.

1.2 All planting beds shall be a minimum of 1 metre wide, except where there is insufficient space, due to the constraints of walls and path edgings and their foundations. With narrow beds between walls/ fences and path edgings, ensure that the bed has space free from concrete footings before planting. If the bed is sealed with concrete, then the landscape contractor shall contact the site manager or landscape architect to determine if footings are excessive and can be reduced or else, the bed can be paved. The width of all beds will be checked by the inspecting landscape architect and where the width is not as drawn, the contractor shall re- cultivate them to the specified width at his own expense.

2.0 Ground preparation

2.1 Pre-planting herbicide application:- Apply by suitable spraying aparatus, an approved translocated systemic herbicide to the manufacturer's instructions and to 1997 Control of Pesticides Regulations and 2020 COSHH regulations on all beds, except those which are both weed free and are to receive agrotextile sheet mulch. Spray immediately if any weeds are present. If no weeds are showing but planting is delayed, spray after one month following cultivation, to allow dormant seed to germinate. All spraying shall be carried out by skilled and qualified operatives, using protective clothing, in suitable weather (no wind) and any damage caused by spray drift, from incorrect usage or spillage, shall be rectified at the contractor's own cost. Do not spray near a water body. Repeat as necessary to ensure complete kill and rake off all dead material from site.

2.2 Carry out the following works to the existing topsoil on site to ensure it Conforms to BS 3882:2015, being free from rocks larger than 50m diameter, concrete, all roots, wire, brick, and have less than 20% clay. Allow for pre-application of herbicide as above. Fertilise with 100g per meter square of slow release fertilizer, in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. For beds less than 5 meters in width, fork over thoroughly or machine rotovate soil to a depth of 450mm, ensuring that the subgrade and topsoil are completely broken up and free draining, relieving any compaction. For beds greater than 5 metres in width, break up the subgrade and topsoil using a tractor mounted subsoiler or ripper at 500mm centres to a depth of 500mm,except where there are services, or within 10 meters of tree stems or 3 meters of existing hedges. Do not rip areas where roots greater than 10mm diameter are encountered.

2.3. Determine before submitting a tender, the extent of support from the site manager with ground preparation: ensure soil of all planting beds is graded to a level 65mm below adjacent grass or paved surfaces, within 400-600mm of edges to ensure bark or wood chip mulches are retained. Where grass is proposed adjacent to paving, then the soil level shall be flush with the adjacent paved surfaces, to receive rain water run off. The landscape contractor is responsible for ensuring that the final product conforms to the specification even where the developer and/or main contractor have failed to supply and spread topsoil to the recessed level. The landscape contractor shall allow for adjustment of levels, as specified above, including for re-grading subsoil and topsoil. Where beds are sloping, ensure that topsoil is graded to the specified levels below pavement & grass surfaces within 400mm of the edges of the bed. This is to allow for sheet mulch and bark or wood chip mulch so that mulch does not spill out on to pavements and also to allow surface water to drain from paths on to planted areas.

2.4 Sloping ground that is shown to be turfed where there is paving adjacent to it topsoil levels of the grass areas shall be graded to finish flush with the finished pavement level to allow surface water to drain from pavements to soft areas. Soil of grass areas should therefore never be proud of paved areas. Soil levels more than 10 mm below pavement edges will cause mower damage on cutting.

2.5 Imported topsoil (where specified and sanctioned by the employer) for making up ground, shall conform to BS 3882: 2015, and be free from rocks (over 50mm diameter), concrete, roots, wire and brick, and have less than greater than 20% clay. Such soil shall be cultivated as set out above. Representative samples shall first be approved by the landscape architect before being supplied to site. No imported soil shall be supplied to site without a written instruction.

3.0 Planting

3.1 All planting must be carried out in accordance with the tender document, and accompanying drawings. Refer to the tender document for the preparation of existing topsoil and required depths for planting, turfing, and trees, and also for contractual maintenance requirements.

3.2 No substitutions will be accepted without the prior agreement of the inspecting landscape architect. The contractor shall replace at once at his own cost any stock size, species or variety of plant which has not been specified on the planting plan and schedule, unless via prior written agreement, a substitution has been agreed by the inspecting landscape architect. All plants shall be true to size specified in the schedule of plants and associated notes, (2L pots are 17cm diameter and 13cm deep, 3L pots are 19cm diameter and 15cm deep, 5L pots are 22.5cm diameter and 18cm deep, 10L pots are 28cm diameter and 22.5cm deep, 15L pots are 33cm diameter and 30cm deep, 25L pots are 38.5cm diameter and 35cm deep, 30L pots are 41cm diameter and 36cm deep, 40L pots are 50cm diameter and 45cm deep, 50L pots are 55cm diameter and 50cm deep).The pot sizes will be checked on site to ensure compliance with those specified. Pots will be rejected if shrubs are supplied of a size which are not fully grown into the pot e.g. a 9cm plant recently potted into a 3L container. All shrubs, shall possess a height and spread in accordance with the plant schedule. Anything less than HTA National Plant Specification standards for each species and pot size will be rejected. Plant stock shall be bushy, healthy, disease free, not pot bound, leggy or spindly. There should be a minimum of 5 breaks per shrub. This specification is the minimum standard required and any stock falling below this standard, in the sole opinion of the inspecting landscape architect, will be rejected and shall be lifted and replaced at the contractor's expense.

3.3 All shrubs, herbaceous plants, whips and transplants shall be watered in on planting with 20 litres per square metre. Trees shall be watered in with 50 litres per tree position. Water thereafter during the contract period at weekly intervals with 30 litres of water per tree position.

3.4 Proposed feathered trees to be true to the species, variety and size as specified on the planting plan, to include 1.6m long, 100mm diameter, chestnut stake above ground dimension to be 1/3 the height of the tree, stakes to be driven vertically and 1No. sackcloth or rubber tie, with spacing device, all positioned 25mm maximum from the top of the post.

3.5 Proposed standard trees to be true to the species, variety and size as specified on the planting plan, to include 2No. 2.0m long, 100mm diameter, chestnut stakes, above ground dimension to be 1/3 the height of the tree, stakes to be driven vertically, supply and fix securely (twice screwed to each end) a half round cross brace (100mm diameter) with rubber spacer block fixed between tree stem and the cross brace and secured with 1No. sackcloth or rubber tie so the tree is securely restrained and there is no chance of the the stem chafing with the cross brace.

3.6 Turf to be of cultivated grade. The contractor shall replace at once any turf rejected by the landscape architect at his own cost. insure that the turf is laid flat and is free from hollows, lumps and bumps, cracks or brown or dried patches or other defects and that turf is well watered before before laying and again after laying. Turf areas shall be taped off using high-vis tape until well established. Access shall be only with timber scaffold planks to prevent compaction.

3.7 Self clinging climbing shrubs or wall shrubs, with "S" written after the climber name, shall be trained to the wall/fence with heavy duty, plastic coated garden wire. Training wires shall be attached vertically to the wall/fence by means of 125mm long stainless steel eye screw fittings. Position 1No. at 250mm from ground, and 1No. 250mm from top of the wall/fence, and string the wire tightly between the fixings. Train the climber to the wire with plastic coated garden wire tags.

3.8 Twining varieties of climber, with "T" written after the climber's name (in specially prepared pits or general shrub beds) shall be trained to walls/ fences by mounting ready-made trellis panels 1.8 x 1.8m generally (but 1.8 x 0.6m for corners or where space is restricted). Include for adapting any panels for locations where walls or fences are lower than 1.8m. Fix trellis panels to the walls/ fences using non rusting screws 125mm long (to be approved), incorporating 50mm cube wood spacing blocks to ensure that the panel is mounted sufficiently far from the wall/ fence to allow twining of stems. Ensure that all timber is pressure impregnated with a non phyto-toxic preservative and then painted with a dark brown non phyto-toxic preservative wood stain. Ensure that the trellis is not in contact with the ground. Train the climbing shrub to the trellis with plastic coated garden wire tags.

3.9 Climbers specified outside proposed shrub beds shall have specially prepared climber pits. Climber pits shall be 400mm x 400mm and 450mm deep (minimum size), and be backfilled with topsoil (from site - unless otherwise agreed). Ensure the base of the pit is thoroughly broken up and free draining before back filling with topsoil. Ensure no damage to foundations and services, and make good all structures and surfaces disturbed. Fertilise with 50g of slow release fertilizer. Water with 20 litres of water per climber pit.

4.0 Mulch

4.1 Supply and spread suitable biodegradeable sheet mulch over planting beds, previously, cultivated, graded and fertilized topsoil before planting, and peg down at a minimum of 500mm centres, (300mm at edges) and beds less than 1m wide. Pegging this densely is essential to prevent flaps of material becoming exposed. Refer to the specification for biodegradable sheet mulch on plan.

4.2 Following planting, supply and spread evenly bark mulch to a depth of 50mm evenly spread over all planted areas. Finished mulch levels shall be no higher than 15mm below pavement or grass levels, 300-400mm of bed edges, to avoid any spillage onto pavements or lawns. N.B. no substitution of mulch type will be acceptable. It is essential to have a no-fines, large particled, brown wood chip to reduce weed growth, reduce wind blow and prevent break down and rotting.

5.0 BS codes

5.1 All workmanship and materials shall conform to the following codes:-
5.1.1 General landscape operations (excluding hard surfaces) - BS 4428:1989.
5.1.2 Trees in relation to construction- BS 5837: 2012 and BS 6549:1999. BS 3998:2010 (recommendations for tree works) unless otherwise specified. Arboricultural Association - Standard Conditions of Contract and Specifications of Tree Works 1996.
5.1.3 Nursery stock in accordance with latest horticultural trade association nursery stock specification entitled "National Plant Specification 2010".
Plants shall conform to:
-BS 8545 : 2014 Trees from Nursery to Independence in the Landscape
-BS 3936-1 : 1992 Nursery Stock - Specification for trees and shrubs.
-BS 3936-2 : 1990 Nursery Stock- Specification for roses + AMD 6628.
-BS 3936- 4 : 2007 Nursery stock- Specification for forest trees.
-BS 3936-9 : 1998 Nursery stock- Specification forbulbs, corms and tubers.
-BS 3936-10 : 1990 Nursery stock- Specification for ground cover shrubs.
-CPSE-Committee for Plant Establishment, Handling and establishing landscape plants 1996, Part 3, paragraphs 6.2 to 6.6.
5.1.4 Glossary for Landscape Works BS 4428 :1989
5.1.5 Turf - BS 3969:1998 + A1:2013 - recommendations for turf for general purposes.
5.1.6 Seeding - EEC Regulations 1974. Use blue labelled certified varieties to EC purity and germination regulations. When requested, submit an official seed Testing Station Certificate of germination, purity and composition.
5.1.7 Topsoil - BS 3882: 2015
5.1.8 Pesticides: Control of Pesticides Regulations 1997;The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974(2005); the COSHH Regulation 2020 and the product COSHH sheet. The Water Act 2014; the Floods and Water Amendment (EU Exit) Regulations 2019; Control of Pollution Act 1974; Hedgerow ACT 1997; Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981; Countryside and Rights of way Act 2000.

GENERAL NOTES FOR THE DEVELOPER.

6.0 Tree protection
6.1 Any existing trees to be retained, are the responsibility of the main contractor on site who shall take all necessary protective measures set out in BS 5837:2012 to ensure no damage to stems or roots, to prevent compaction from vehicles or storage of materials, contamination of soil from spillages, scorching from fires and instability or stress from changes of soil level. The landscape contractor is however responsible for ensuring that neither plant, materials or labour are cause of any damage to existing trees, and like the employer, the landscape contractor shall replace at once any tree damaged on site, supplying and planting a tree of the same species and size, at his own cost. Protection barriers will comprise a scaffold framework in accordance with Figure 2 of BS 5837:2012 (The BS).
The framework will consist of vertical and horizontal scaffolds with vertical tubes spaced at no more than 3m intervals and driven into the ground. Weld mesh (Heras or similar) panels will be securely fixed on to this framework with wire or scaffold clamps. Tubes will be driven into the ground to a minimum depth of 600mm.
Supporting struts will be fixed to the inside of the barrier to ensure maximum rigidity.

6.2 Ground work

6.2.1 Soil levels: soil levels for shrub beds and grass areas should have any compacted subgrade thoroughly broken up by machine before instructing the ground worker to spread topsoil or the landscape contractor to commence work or the beds will become waterlogged in wet weather and the plants and turf will die.

6.2.2 Top soil depth: Topsoil spread from the site should be to the following minimum depths:- Shrub beds: 450mm. Grass areas 150mm. allow for excavation of 415mm of the subgrade for shrub beds to leave beds 65mm below finished pavement or grass areas in order to receive sheet and bark mulch. Tree pits will be dug by the landscape contractor. Top soil for turf areas shall be spread to a level 10mm below paving in order to receive the turf. Topsoil for grass seed areas, the soil level shall be flush with any finished paved surfaces after settlement to allow for rain water to drain onto soft surfaces. Settlement shall be no greater than 5mm or problems will be encountered with mowing (the blades in danger of touching concrete edgings) or where soil is proud of pavements, then drainage problems will be encountered.

6.3 Existing topsoil and imported soil shall conform to BS 3882:2015, and be free from compaction, rocks/bricks greater than 50mm diameter, concrete, wire, roots, debris, oil, cement and builders rubble. Soil shall have a clay content of less than 20%.

7.0 Hardworks

7.1 Hard works, unless otherwise agreed, shall be carried out by the developer or main contractor, and all materials and workmanship shall be in accordance with the construction details and the layout plan.

7.2 All paths and edgings shall be set out properly to lines and radii, with all curves scribed on the ground using pointed pegs and string or site marker paint, achieving flowing natural arcs. Setting out shall be agreed with the landscape contractor and subsequently the landscape architect.

7.3 Hard surfaces shall be constructed after suitable base courses have been laid, taking full account of local site conditions, soft spots and substrate. The indicative depths of base courses are minimum depths assuming suitable substrate conditions.

7.4 All metalwork shall be finished hot dipped galvanized in accordance with BS EN ISO1460. The galvanizer shall be responsible for the thorough removal of all galvanizing smuts (fettling) to the complete satisfaction of the Landscape Architect. The decorating contractor shall prepare the galvanized surface by washing with detergent and water and scrubbing with a scouring pad until all dirt, grease, white rust & sulphates have been removed & then allowed to dry thoroughly. Supply and paint anti-corrosion paint applied with a turkhead brush strictly in accordance with the manufacturers instructions, COSHH regulations and the product COSHH sheet. Apply 2No. coats of paint with a dry film thickness of 100 microns per coat. Apply paint only when galvanized surface is thoroughly dry at temperatures above five degrees celsius and in any event above the current dew point temperature. Paint work will be subject to inspection by experts and if found wanting, shall be stripped off, re-prepared and applied entirely at the decorating contractors own cost.

7.5 All wood work shall be pressure treated with water based wood preservative, applied by vacuum pressure. The timber shall then be stained with 3No. coats of dark wood stain strictly in accordance with the manufacturers instructions, COSHH Regulations 2020 and product COSHH sheet.

GENERAL NOTES

-ALL DIMENSIONS IN MILLIMETRES
-DO NOT SCALE OFF THIS DRAWING
-ALL DIMENSIONS TO BE CHECKED ON SITE

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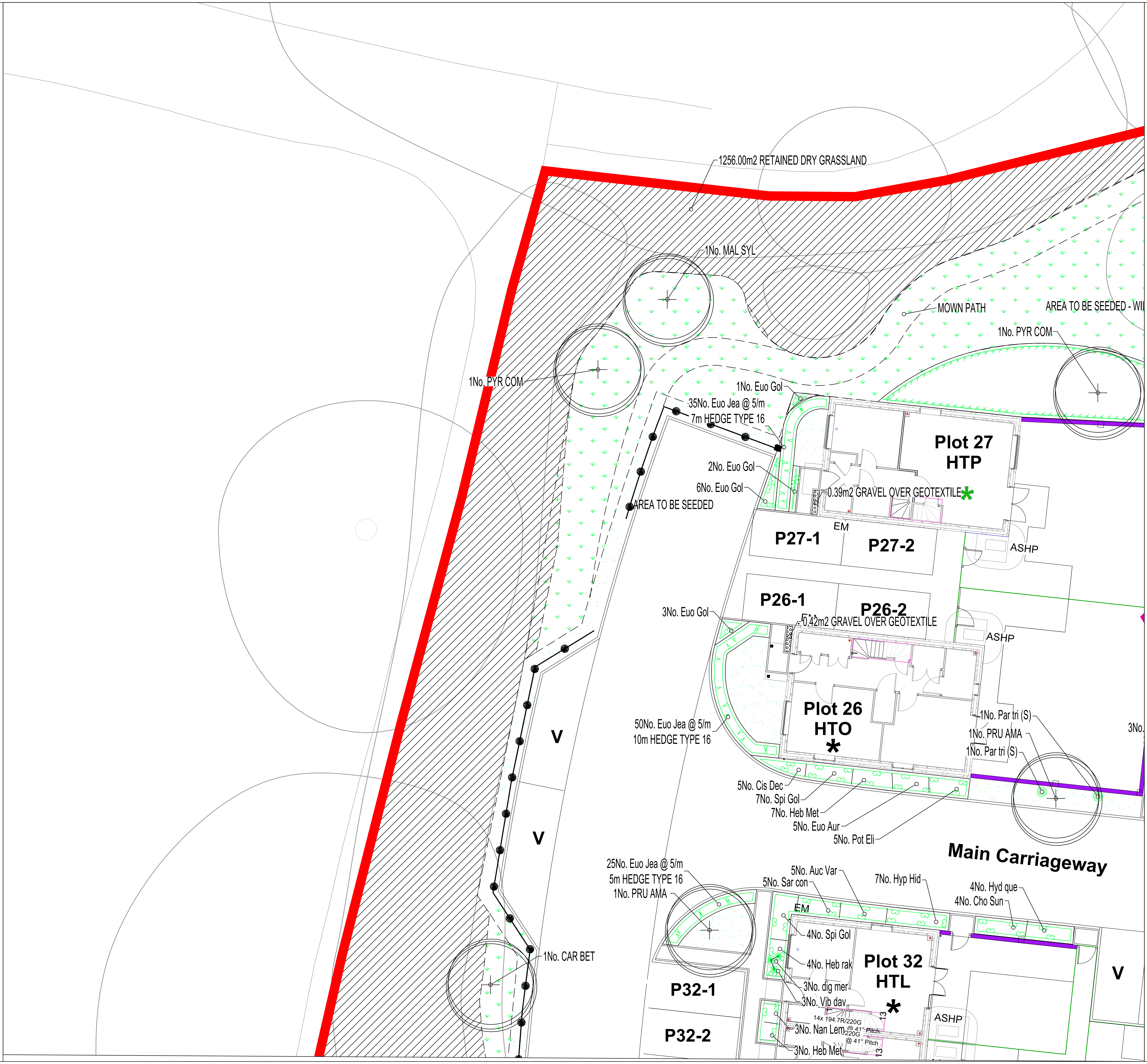

KEY

⊕	PROPOSED FEATHERED TREE, INCLUDING STAKE AND TIE. SEE SPECIFICATION NOTES 1.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5, 3.1-3.4, 4.1-4.2 AND 5.1.
⊕	PROPOSED STANDARD TREE, INCLUDING DOUBLE STAKE AND TIE. SEE SPECIFICATION NOTES 1.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5, 3.1-3.4, 4.1-4.2 AND 5.1.
⊗	PROPOSED HEAVY STANDARD TREE, INCLUDING DOUBLE STAKE AND TIE. SEE SPECIFICATION NOTES 1.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5, 3.1-3.4, 4.1-4.2 AND 5.1.
✳	PROPOSED CONIFEROUS OR BROAD LEAF EVERGREEN TREE, INCLUDING STAKE AND TIE. SEE SPECIFICATION NOTES 1.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5, 3.1-3.4, 4.1-4.2 AND 5.1.
☐	SHRUB AND HERBACEOUS PLANTING, INCLUDING BIODEGRADABLE SHEET AND BARK MULCH (ACCORDING TO SPECIFICATION). SEE SPECIFICATION NOTES 1.1-1.2, 2.1-2.3, 3.1-3.3, 4.1-4.2 AND 5.1.
☐	GROUNDCOVER PLANTING IN MIXES, INCLUDING BIODEGRADABLE SHEET AND BARK MULCH (ACCORDING TO SPECIFICATION. SEE SPECIFICATION NOTES 1.1-1.2, 2.1-2.3, 3.1-3.3, 4.1-4.2 AND 5.1.
☐	NATIVE WHIP AND SHRUB PLANTING IN MIXES, INCLUDING BIODEGRADABLE SHEET AND BARK MULCH (ACCORDING TO SPECIFICATION. SEE SPECIFICATION NOTES 1.1-1.2, 2.1-2.3, 3.1-3.3, 4.1-4.2 AND 5.1.
☐	HEDGE PLANTING, INCLUDING BIODEGRADABLE SHEET AND BARK MULCH (ACCORDING TO SPECIFICATION). REFER TO HEDGE SCHEDULES ON PLAN AND THE SCHEDULE OF QUANTITIES. SEE SPECIFICATION NOTES 1.1-1.2, 2.1-2.3, 3.1-3.3, 4.1-4.2 AND 5.1.
☐	SEEDED GRASS AREA. REFER TO PLANT SCHEDULE FOR SPECIFICATION OF MIX.
🟩	CULTIVATED TURF UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED ON PLAN. SEE SPECIFICATION NOTES B4, C5 AND E1.
☐	WILDFLOWER SEEDED AREA. REFER TO PLANT SCHEDULE FOR SPECIFICATION OF MIX.
☐	WET WILDFLOWER SEEDED AREA. REFER TO PLANT SCHEDULE FOR SPECIFICATION OF MIX.
☐	WASHED, ROUNDED, BUFF COLOURED GRAVEL, 20mm GAUGE, 40mm DEPTH, FINISHED LEVEL 15mm BELOW ADJACENT SURFACES, LAID OVER 'COVERTEX' OVER LIGHTLY CONSOLIDATED SUBGRADE.
◎	CLIMBING SHRUB IN SHRUB BEDS, GRASS/ GRAVEL OR IN PITS IN PAVING. (SEE PLAN). TWINING VARIETIES (MARKED'T') SEE NOTE C7. SELF CLIMBING VARIETIES (MARKED'S') SEE NOTE C6. SEE SPECIFICATION NOTES C1-3, C8, D1-2 AND E1.
✳	SPECIMEN SHRUBS SEE SPECIFICATION NOTES A1, B1-3, C1-3, D1-2 AND E1.
✳	SEASONAL HIGHLIGHT HERBACEOUS PLANTS WITHIN SHRUB BED MEASURED SEPARATELY IN SCHEDULE OF QUANTITIES. SEE SPECIFICATION NOTES A1, B1-3, C1-3, D1-2 AND E1.
○	EXISTING TREE TO BE RETAINED, SEE GENERAL NOTE A1 AND E1. IF PREPARED, SEE ALSO ASPECT ARBORICULTURE PLAN AND SCHEDULE FOR ANY SURGERY WORKS.
☐	EXISTING VEGETATION GROUP OR HEDGE TO BE RETAINED, REFER TO ARB INFORMATION BY ASPECT ARBORICULTURE.
▨	EXISTING VEGETATION GROUP OR HEDGE TO BE REMOVED, REFER TO ARB INFORMATION BY ASPECT ARBORICULTURE.
☐	TWO-BAR POST AND RAIL WOODEN FENCE WITH WIRE STOCK FENCE, 1.2M HIGH AS SPECIFIED BY THE DEVELOPER
●	KNEE RAIL - COMPRISING 125 X 125mm TWICE WEATHERED POST 600MM ABOVE GROUND AND 600 BELOW (1200mm TOTAL), DRILLED WITH 50mm TO RECEIVE HOT DIPPED GALVANIZED MILD STEEL TUBE 48MM DIAMETER. POLES TO BE JOINED WITH MALE AND FEMALE SCREW FIT PARTS JOINS TO OCCUR WITHIN POSTS, HOLES TO BE INCREASED.
☐	SELF-CLOSING GATE, 900mm WIDE, COLOUR 'YELLOW', TO CONTRAST RAILINGS, SET POSTS INTO C:20:P INSITU CONCRETE FOUNDATIONS.
🟥	BITUMEN MACADAM FOOTPATHS AND HARDSTANDINGS WITHIN OPEN SPACE AREAS. WITH FLAT TOPPED PCC EDGING. ALL LAID FINISH ALL TO FALLS / CROSSFALLS OR SIMILAR AND APPROVED
▦	AREA OF GRASS TO BE REINFORCED WITH NETLON TURFGUARD XN7005 - 9000 TO MAINTENANCE ACCESS, AVAILABLE FROM TDP TEL.: (01629) 820011 OR SIMILAR.
▨	AREA OF RETAINED GROUND FLORA.
☐	LOCAL AREA OF PLAY (LAP) SEE DRAWINGS BY MIRACLE PLAY FOR PLAY EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS
☐	IBSTOCK ENCLOSED BAT BOX 'B' SMALL RED. AVAILABLE FROM NHBS, TEL 01803 865913, OR SIMILAR AND APPROVED.
B1	MANTHORPE SWIFT BRICK, COLOUR APPROVED BY ARCHITECT AVAILABLE FROM NHBS, TEL 01803 865913, OR SIMILAR AND APPROVED.
◎	ASF 409 FRONT OPENING LITTER BIN AVAILABLE FROM AFS LTD TEL: 01484 401414 OR SIMILAR AND APPROVED.WOODSCAPE - LBS 112-2020 SQUARE LOCK LITTER BIN.
▥	ASF 6012 SEAT, 400 x 400 x 400mm AVAILABLE FROM AFS LTD TEL: 01484 401414 OR SIMILAR AND APPROVED.

LANDSCAPE PROGRAMMING

DUE TO NATIONAL PLANT SHORTAGE: PLANTS MAY TAKE UP TO 4 WEEKS TO BE DELIVERED. EARLY LEAD-IN FOR SOFT LANDSCAPE IS ESSENTIAL. DO NOT MAKE SUBSTITUTIONS WITH OUT APPROVAL FROM JAMES BLAKE ASSOCIATES.

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F	19.06.26	PB	AMENDMENT TO LPA COMMENTS, UPDATE TO PLAY AREA LEVELS
E	01.04.26	JB	AMENDMENT TO ECOLOGICAL ENHANCEMENTS
D	24.03.26	JB	AMENDMENT TO LAYOUT
C	25.02.26	JB	AMENDMENT TO ECOLOGICAL ENHANCEMENTS
B	23.12.25	JB	AMENDMENT TO KEY
A	03.07.25	JB	ECOLOGICAL ENHANCEMENTS ADDED TO DRAWING

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