SPECIFICATION NOTES - REFER ALSO TO THE MEASURED WORKS SCHEDULE

A) Setting out

1. Planting shall be set out exactly as shown on the drawing, and measured from existing features. Curved beds shall be set out with a hose pipe laid 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 any planting or cultivations work 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.

2. All planting beds shall be a minimum of 1m wide, except where there is insufficient space, or where they consist of wall or hedge shrubberies and their foundations. With narrow beds between walls/ fences and paths edgings, ensure that the bed back is kept below the concrete footings before planting. If the bed is sealed with concrete, then the landscape contractor shall contact the landscape architect before excavation to determine if footings are excessive and can be reduced or filled, 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.

B) Ground preparation

1. Pre-planting herbicide application:- Apply by suitable spraying apparatus, an approved translocated systemic herbicide to the manufacturer's recommended rate and in accordance with Pesticides Regulations 2003 and COSHH regulations on all beds, except those which are born with weed free, are to receive agronomiste sheet mulch, spray immediately if any weeds are present. If none are showing, but there is to be a delay before planting, or the mulch is to be laid more than 2 clear one month following cultivation, a pre-emergent weed is germinals. All spraying shall be carried out by skilled and qualified operatives, using protective clothing, in suitable weather (no wind) and any damage caused (eg spray drift, from incorrect usage of spraying, shall be made good by contractor at his own cost. Repeat as necessary to achieve complete kill and rake off all dead material from site.

2. Carry out the following works to the existing topsoil on site to ensure it complies with BS 3882:2007 Clause 6 and is free from rocks larger than 50mm diameter, concrete, tile rocks, wire, bricks, and have less than 20% clay. Allow for pre-application of herbicide as above, fertilise with 100g per meter square of Horticote CRF (16-6-12) slow release fertilizer, in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, for beds which are to be planted. Cultivate thoroughly or machine rotovate soil to a depth of 300mm, 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 with a subsoiler to a depth of 450mm at 600mm 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.

3. Determine before spreading a tender, the amount of subsoil from the site manager will demand incorporation: ensure soil of all planting beds is graded to a level 65mm below adjacent grass or paved surfaces, (90mm below where kerb-bedded set drops is not specified), within 400-600mm of edges to ensure that turf and topsoil finish flush with them. Where seed is proposed, then finished level shall be flush (maximum 10mm below - but never above) with top of 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's staff may fail to do so. 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 perimeters of grass surfaces within 400mm of the edges of beds, so that there is no build up of 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.

4. For sloping areas to be turfed adjacent to paved areas, topsoil levels shall be graded flush with the finished pavement level (or up to 10mm below),to ensure a smooth finish to the paved pavements and grass. Soil of grassed areas should therefore never be proud of paved areas. Soil levels more than 10 mm below pavement edges will cause mower damage on cutting.

5.Imported topsoil (where specified and purchased by the employer) shall comply up ground shall conform to BS 3882: 2007, and be free from rocks (over 50mm diameter), concrete, roots, wire and bricks, and have less than greater than 20% clay, Such soil shall be delivered dry and soil shall not be cultivated/worked when soil is wet. Soil to be approved by the landscape architect before being supplied to site. No imported soil shall be supplied to site without a written instruction.

C) Planting

1. All planting must be carried out in accordance to the specification and schedule of quantities accompanying these drawings. Refer to the specification for the preparation of existing topsoil and required depths for planting, turfing, and standard trees, and also for maintenance requirements.

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 supplied to the specification and schedule, unless prior agreement to a substitution by the landscape architect has been received. All plants shall be true to size specified in the schedule of plants and associated notes. (Sizes are 19cm diameter and 15cm deep). All trees shall be measured between the 400-600mm height and spread, or otherwise specified for the pot size by the HTA National Plant Specification and be bushy, healthy, disease free stock, not pot bound, twiggy or spindly. There should be a minimum of 5 breaks per shrub. This specification is the minimum standard required and any plants which are not, in the sole opinion of the inspecting landscape architect,shall be lifted and replaced at the contractor's expense.

3. All shrubs, herbaceous plants, whips and transplants shall be watered in on planting with 10 litres per square metre. Trees shall be watered in with 25 litres per tree position. Water thereafter during the contract period weekly intervals with 30 litres of water.

4. Proposed large feathered or standard trees to be true to the species, variety and size as specified on the schedule. Stake with 100mm diameter chestnut stake 600mm above ground and 1000mm below ground and 1No. sackcloth tie with sacking device positioned 25mm maximum from the top of the post.

5. Turf to be of cultivated grade such as Rowland Medallion", or other of similar quality and source, approved by the landscape architect. The contractor shall replace at once any turf rejected by the landscape architect at his own cost.

6.Self climbing climbing shrubs or wall shrubs, with a green 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 12mm long stainless steel eye screw fixings, spaced at 1.5m centres horizontally, 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.

7. Twining varieties of climber, with "T" shown after the climber's name (in specially prepared pits or general shrub beds) shall be trained to wall/ fences by mounting ready-made trellis panels 1.9 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 change direction. Fix trellis panels to the wall/ fences using rust resisting 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 wood preservative, and finished with two coats of Sadolin Classic dark brown non phytotoxic preservative wood stain such as Sadolin "Classic" walnut or similar and approved. Ensure that the trellis is not in contact with the ground. Train the climbing shrub to the trellis with plastic coated garden wire tags.

D) Mulch

1. When specified by the additional specification notes on this plan, supply and spread suitable biodegradable sheet mulch over planting beds. Mulch shall be Mypex Geohit 90 (black) fertilized topsoil before planting, and pegs down at a minimum of 500mm centres (300mm at edges) and beds less than 1m wide. Pegging this densely is essential to prevent tips of material becoming exposed. Refer to the specification for biodegradable sheet mulch on plan.

2. Following planting supply and spread evenly Malcouri Industries "Cowpats or Strandon" to a depth of 50mm, (75mm if no sheet mulch specified), over all planting areas. Finished mulch levels shall be no higher than 15mm below adjacent hard surfaces, (25mm below spillage onto pavements or lawns, NLE no substitution of mulch type will be acceptable. It is essential to have a non-fines, large particled, brown wood chip to reduce weed growth, reduce wind blow and prevent rapid break down.

E) BS codes

1. All workmanship and materials shall conform to the following codes:-
A) General landscape operations (excluding hard surfaces) - BS 4428:1989.
B) Trees - Trees: Trees and landscape: BS 8731:2012 and BS 8545:1999. BS 3998:2010 (recommendations for tree works) unless otherwise specified.
Arboricultural Association - Standard for Trees in relation to construction - Recommendations
C) Nursery stock - Nursery stock in accordance with latest horticultural trade association publications.
stock specification entitled "National Plant specification 2003 - .
Plants shall conform to:-
-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.
-Seeds: Comply with Seeds (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 1993 and Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964, PB4.3, paragraphs 9.2 to 9.5.
-Glossary for Landscape Works BS 4428 :1989
E) Turf - BS 3969:1998- recommendations for turf for general purposes.
-Seeds: Comply with Regulations 1974. Use blue labelled certified varieties to EC purity and germination regulations. When requested, submit all office seed Testing Station Certificate of germination, purity and composition.
F) Imported soil - BS 3882: 2007
G) Pesticides: Control of Pesticides Regulations 1997,The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974; the COSHH Regulation 2003, the product COSHH sheet Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations Prevention of Pollution Act 1974, Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, Countryside and Rights of way Act 2000.

GENERAL NOTES FOR THE DEVELOPER.

A) Tree protection
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, by prevent compaction from vehicles or storage of materials, equipment, fires, or by chemicals, scorching from fires and instability or stress from changes of ground level. The landscape contractor is however responsible for ensuring that neither plant, materials or labour are cause of any damage to existing trees, shrubs or hedges on site. The landscape contractor shall replace at once any trees 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 members with vertical tubes spaced at no more than 3m centre to centre 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.

B) Ground work

1. Soil levels: soil levels for shrub beds and grass areas should have any compaction caused during construction by machine before planting. Care should worker to spread topsoil of the landscape contractor to commence work or the beds will become waterlogged in wet weather and the plants and turf will die.

2. Top soil spread from on site should be to the following minimum depths:- shrub beds 300mm. Grass areas 150mm, allow for excavation of 415mm for the subgrade for shrub beds to leave beds 65mm below finished pavement and grass areas in order to receive topsoil and allow for mulch. Where shrubs are to be planted where shrub mulch is not to be used, the job will be dug by the landscape contractor. Top soil shall be spread for grass areas flush with any areas of paving and after settlement, the soil level should be no greater than 10mm below paved areas to allow for turf to be laid flush with them. Topsoil to level shall be flush with any finished paved surfaces after settlement (or to a maximum of 5mm below) to allow for rain water to drain onto soft surfaces, settlement shall be no greater than the tolerances given or problems will be encountered with mowing (the blades in danger of touching concrete edgings) or hand soil cultivation around edges, if drainage problems will be encountered.

3. Existing topsoil and imported soil shall conform to BS 3882:2007, and be free from rubbish, rocks/bricks greater than 50mm diameter, concrete, tiles, roots, wire, etc. Lumps are broken down to pass 50g, shall have a clay content of less than 20%.

C) Hardworks

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

2. All paths and edgings shall be set out prior to levels and racks, with all curves scribed on the ground using sharpened timber pegs and profiled gauges, achieving flowing natural arcs. Setting out shall be agreed with the landscape contractor and subsequently the landscape architect.

3. Hard surfaces shall be constructed on suitable sub-courses have been laid taking into account the existing soil conditions. The soil and subgrade. The indicative depths of base courses are minimum depths assuming suitable subgrade conditions.

4. All metalwork shall be finished hot dipped galvanising in accordance with BS 729:1971. All welds shall be ground flush 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 brushing with a bristle brush until all contaminants have been removed and then allowed to dry thoroughly. Supply and paint "cold" galvanising paint (Galvafroid 2000 by Galvafroid Ltd tel. 01707 374444) applied with a turkshead brush strictly in accordance with the manufacturers instructions, COSHH regulations and the product Cold Galvanising Apply 2No. coats of paint to 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 rejected will be required to be stripped, reprocessed and applied entirely at the decorating contractors own cost.

5. All wood work to use ACQ water based wood preservative applied by vacuum pressure by Permawood or other similar and approved company. Finish with two coats of Sadolin "Classic" colour Walnut strictly in accordance with the manufacturers instructions, COSHH Regulations 2003 and product COSHH sheet.

SPECIFICATION FOR "COVERTEX" SHEET MULCH FOR GRAVEL AREAS

INTRODUCTION

"COVERTEX" is a woven black polypropolene fabric, 102g/m2 which is manufactured to Wrekin-beat resistant (black) form. This product is available from Hy-Tex U.K. Ltd., PO Box 97, Adlington, Ashford, Kent, TN25 7DX. Telephone (01233) 720097.

SPECIFICATION

1. Prepare ground to ensure it is even and firm. For any planted or seeded positions and remove the soil shall be evenly cultivated until friable.
N.B. Ensure that the finished soil level is even at least 55mm below adjacent pavement or grass levels to receive sheet mulch and gravel. For sloping areas, soil levels are 55mm below pavements or grass areas within 400mm of bed edges, the remainder slopes down.
2. Place "Covertex" sheet mulch over soil to be planted. Unroll materials, placing in overlapping rows (overlap to be no less than 50mm).
3. Bury 200mm flap of mulch (across the slope - see diagram below) at the extreme edge of the planting bed, or nail to concrete haunch of path edging with imassonry nails @ 1m centres
4. Secure material in position by hammering in 300mm metal pegs at 500mm centres. (300mm centres @ non buried edges) Metal hoops for pegging are available from Hytex Ltd.
5. Place any specimen plants or beds in intended positions.
6. Cut the fabric with skissors in "+" shape for each plant position, 400mm across
7. Pit plant the specimen plants, holding back the flaps of fabric, and carefully replace around the stem. Spread topsoil plant sheet if friable. Remove all compacted topsoil clods from site, ensure no soil is left on the fabric.
8. Once all the plants are planted, cover the fabric all over with 40mm of clean, washed, screen/hurtt coloured gravel, 20mm guage.
9. Finally, water the plants thoroughly ensuring that each plant receives 2 gallons of water if the soil is dry or in warm weather conditions, otherwise apply 25L/m2.

INSET:– LAYING SHEET MULCH FOR GRAVEL AREAS

NB DO NOT USE HYTEX FABRIC ON SLOPES GREATER THAN 1:4 WITHOUT THE USE OF STAKES AT 1 – 1.5m CENTRES ALONG THE CONTOURS TO RETAIN THE GRAVEL.

HEALTH AND SAFETY RISK ASSESSMENT

This Risk Assessment has 2 purposes
1. To identify any significant hazards related to design work by James Blake Associates. A significant hazard being defined as a foreseeable hazard which is not likely to be obvious to a competent contractor or other designer or unusual or difficult to manage effectively. This is to accord with Regulation 13 (Requirements of the Designer) of the CDM Regulations 1994 (amended 2007).
2. To identify some potential hazards which though not related to design work by James Blake Associates, may be more apparent to a Landscape/Arboricultural Consultant than others.
The following list is not exhaustive and a certain level of Health and Safety management is assumed (reference to Management of Health and Safety at Work Regs 1999. Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regs 1998) Personal Protective Equipment at Works Regs 2002) Manual Handling Operations Regs 1992 etc).

ITEM	RISK LEVEL	HAZARD/RISK
EXCAVATION, CONSTRUCTION, COMPACTION AND SOIL PREPARATION NEAR EXISTING TREES BOTH ON AND OFF THE SITE	MEDIUM	HAZARD TO SAFETY OF WORKERS, USERS OF ADJACENT LAND AND FUTURE USERS OF THE SITE IF DAMAGED TREES
WORKING NEAR OR ADJACENT TO OVERHEAD/UNDERGROUND SERVICES	HIGH	DAMAGE TO SERVICES AND HAZARD TO SAFETY OF WORKERS
NATIVE MEXICEL FEEDINGS AND THORNY PLANTS IN PROXIMITY TO PATHS AND ENTRANCES	LOW	HAZARD TO SAFETY OF PEDESTRIANS
USE OF PESTICIDES, HERBICIDES AND FERTILIZERS	MEDIUM/HIGH	HAZARD TO SAFETY OF OPERATIVES, GENERAL PUBLIC AND THEIR PETS
USE OF LOOSE MATERIALS SUCH AS GRAVEL AND BARK MULCH ADJACENT TO PATHS AND ROADS	LOW	HAZARD TO USERS OF THE SITE IF BLOWN OR DISPLACED ON TO ROADS OR PATHS. IT COULD BECOME A POSSIBLE SKID HAZARD TO VEHICLES
WORKING ON SLOPING GROUND	MEDIUM	HAZARD TO SAFETY OF WORKERS
WORKING ON OR ADJACENT TO THE HIGHWAY	HIGH	HAZARD TO SAFETY OF WORKERS AND HIGHWAY USERS
WORKING NEAR A WATERCOURSE	MEDIUM	HAZARD TO SAFETY OF WORKERS AND POLLUTION OF WATERCOURSE BY HERBICIDES, PESTICIDES AND OTHER WASTE.
CONSTRUCTION OF PLAY AREAS	MEDIUM	HAZARD TO SAFETY OF PLAY AREA USERS

NB List of JBA Consultancy Services Ltd Approved Landscape Contractors is available on request.

BIGGER STOCK PLANTS AVAILABLE FROM:-
BONINGALE NURSERIES TEL. 01902 376500
OLD HALL NURSERIES TEL. 0115 965 3303.
SEAGRAVE NURSERIES TEL.01509 621 300
ROBIN TACCHI PLANTS TEL. 01953 681 312

OUTLINE LAYOUT PROPOSALS
This drawing is for comment only and is not to be used for tender or construction. Planting to be detailed upon request.

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.

SPECIFICATION FOR HEDGE PLANTING

SPECIFICATION FOR ORNAMENTAL HEDGE PLANTING – LARGE GROWING SPECIES e.g. Viburnum tinus.

Hedges containing large ornamental species shall be planted in a single straight row at a density of 3 plants per linear metre. The row shall be placed in the centre of the bed. Hedge plants to be 3L container grown stock, 400–600mm height and spread unless otherwise stated.

SPECIFICATION FOR ORNAMENTAL HEDGE PLANTING – MEDIUM GROWING SPECIES e.g. Lonicera 'Maygreen'.

Hedges containing small ornamental species shall be planted in a single straight row at a density of 3 plants per linear metre. The row shall be placed in the centre of the bed. Hedge plants to be 3L container grown stock, 300–400mm height and spread unless otherwise stated.

NB: Hedges adjacent to gravel areas shall have the cultivated strip separated from gravel by a timber edge 75 x 25mm of ACQ treated timber stained with 2No. coats of Sadolin "Classic" colour "Walnut" (dark brown wood stain) according to specification.

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

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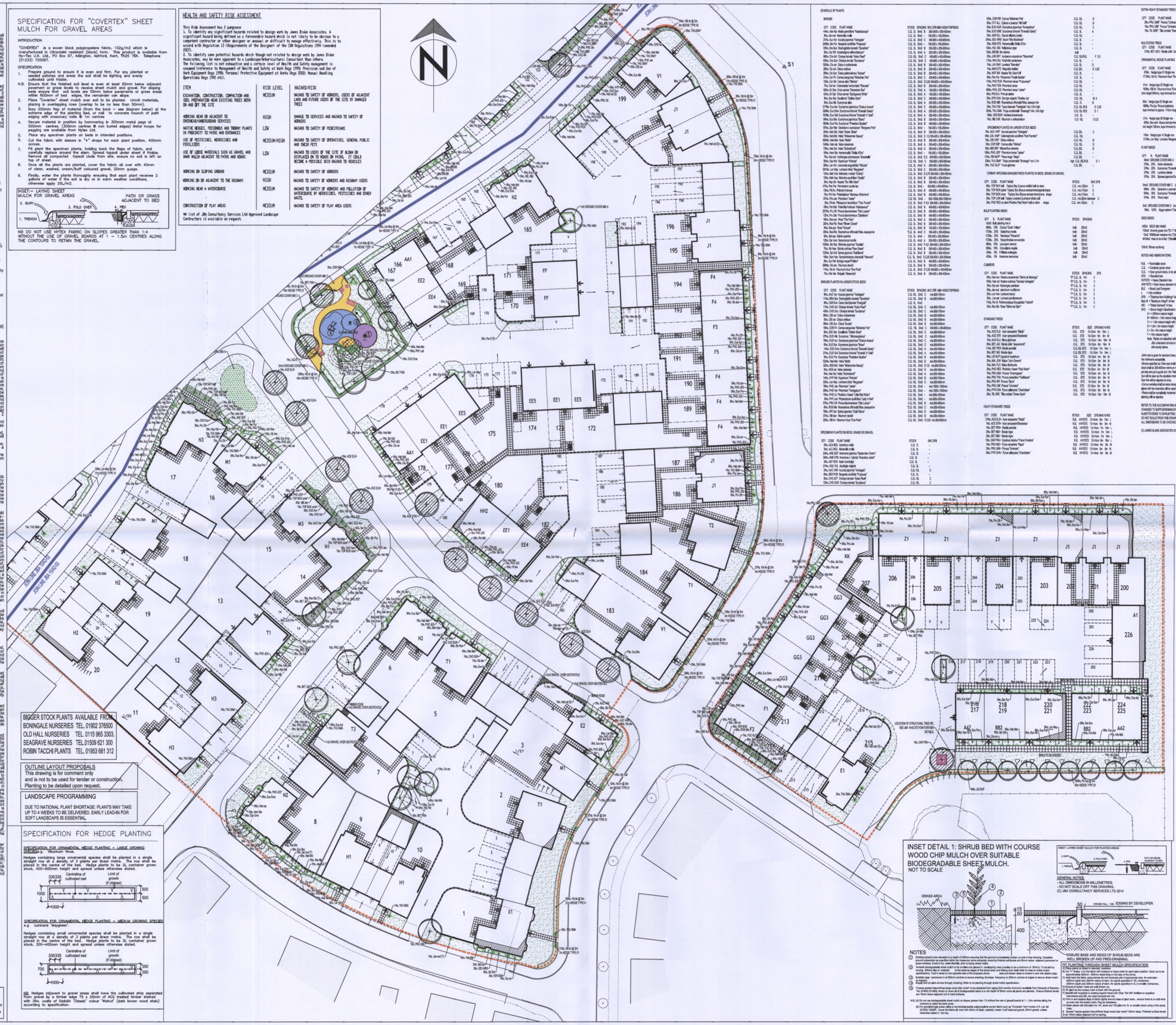
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