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Sibford Park –
Treescape Method Statement

Provision for successful establishment/retention of the trees, within the guidelines of BS8545 2014 - Trees: from nursery to independence in the landscape – Recommendations – Maintenance visits shall be undertaken at minimum monthly intervals (years 1 & 2) (i.e. 12 visits per year). Visits should be increased to accommodate adjustments and response to extreme weather circumstances.

6.0 MAINTENANCE OF NEW TREE PLANTING

Objectives

6.1 To ensure new tree planting is suitably cared for to enable its successful establishment, and to promote healthy growth and attractive form. The ultimate goal is to create a dense woodland full of biodiversity and site wide benefits to habitat and sustainability.

Prescriptions

6.2 Watering programme should be monitored to ensure that at times of water shortage (e.g. drought) sufficient water is applied to meet the conditions. Trees are all on a scheduled drip irrigation system which should be checked once monthly for breaches.

6.3 Apply annually a single dose of evenly spread, ICL Enmag CRF 11-21-9+MgO slow release planting fertiliser to the base of the trees at a rate of 50g per tree, from March – April; replace any mulch layer.

6.4 Inspect stakes and ties to trees, twice yearly or after severe weather. Test for soundness in early and late winter, and replace tight or ineffective ties. Ties should be replaced in slightly different position. Remove stakes and ties as soon as trees are self-supporting to benefit tree establishment. Ensure that stake(s) are wholly removed from the ground and that the remaining hole is filled with clean topsoil. Platypus root anchor stems remain intact for the duration.

6.5 Re-firm trees in ground after strong winds, frost heave or other disturbances.

6.6 Monitor and replace failed planting with new plants between October and March. Ensure planting is conducted into well-prepared ground.

6.7 Trees should be routinely inspected for pests and diseases and any remedial action taken swiftly to prevent the spread of disease and control pests.

6.8 Annually review and undertake crown pruning of young trees by removing dead branches and reducing selected side branches, ensuring development of a single strong leader. Pruning should be carried out in accordance with BS 7370-4.

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6.9 Maintain a mulch layer at the base of each tree by annual topping-up to a depth of 75mm to a diameter of 1.2m around the trunk. Ensure mulch layer is free from weeds by hand cultivation.

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	New Tree Planting Maintenance Programme	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
a	Inspect tree stakes / ties / guards and replace/remove as required.	Monthly	Monthly	Monthly	Monthly	Monthly
b	During excessive hot weather spray crowns	As req.	As req.	As req.	As req.	As req.
c	Supply & apply slow release fertiliser to base of each tree; 50g per tree.	Mar-Apr Annually	Mar-Apr Annually	Mar-Apr Annually	Mar-Apr Annually	Mar-Apr Annually
d	Following strong winds, re-firm base and check stakes for stability.	As req.	As req.	As req.	As req.	As req.
e	Undertake formative pruning of young trees to encourage good growth and shape.	Oct-Nov Annually as req.	-	Oct-Nov Annually as req.	-	Oct-Nov Annually as req.
f	Remove any dead plant material at the end of the growing season.	Sept Annually as req.	Sept Annually as req.	Sept Annually as req.	Sept Annually as req.	Sept Annually as req.
g	Top of mulch layer at base of tree; 1.2m diam. x 75mm depth.	Sept Annually	Sept Annually	Sept Annually	Sept Annually	Sept Annually