
Trees and Small Shrubs

Trees and Small Shrubs for Planting on Land that is to be Adopted as Highway

This list is not definitive but gives a broad indication of trees and small shrubs that would be acceptable in areas, within development schemes, that are to become part of the adopted highway.

The recommended planting distances from the carriageway edge may be varied in specific situations e.g. avenue planting.

Only low growing shrubs have been identified. These are considered suitable for narrow planting areas or where wider areas of verge are to be adopted for visibility splays.

Where there are wide verges, without visibility restrictions, larger shrubs can be planted.

Trees and Shrubs for Landscape Planting, published by the Joint Council for Landscape Industries, is recommended for further information.

All planting within areas to become part of the adopted highway are to be approved by the County Council, as Highway Authority, prior to implementation.

GENERA	SPECIES	VARIETY OR CULTIVAR	ENGLISH NAME	Size			Shape			Growth Rate			Distance from Edge of Carriageway		
				Small	Medium	Large	Narrow	Conical	Broad	Slow	Medium	Fast	1-3 m	3-5 m	5+ m
ACER	lobelii		Lobel's Maple	☐	☒	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐
	platanoides	Cleveland	Norway Maple	☐	☒	☒	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐
		Columnare		☐	☒	☒	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐
		Emerald Queen		☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐
	pseudoplatanus	Erectum	Sycamore	☐	☐	☒	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐
		Worleei	Golden Sycamore	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐
	saccharinum	Pyramidale	Silver Maple	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒
ALNUS	cordata		Italian Alder	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐
BETULA	pendula	Dalecarlica	Swedish Birch	☐	☒	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐
		Fastigiata		☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
	utilis	jacquemontii	Himalayan Birch	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
CARPINUS	betulus	Columnaris	Hornbeam	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
		Fastigiata		☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
CORYLUS	colurna		Turkish Hazel	☐	☒	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐

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CRATAEGUS		(many)	Ornamental Thorn	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	laevigata	Paul's Scarlet		☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
	x lavalleyi		Hybrid Cockspur Thorn	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
	monogyna	Stricta		☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
FAGUS	sylvatica	Dawyck	Fastigate Beech	☐	☒	☒	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
FRAXINUS	ornus	Arie Peters	Manna Ash	☐	☒	☐	☒	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
LIQUIDAMBAR	styraciflua		Sweet Gum	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
LIRIODENDRON	tulipifera	Fastigiata	Tulip Tree	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
MALUS		(many)	Flowering Crab Apple	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
		Golden Hornet		☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
		Rudolph		☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
		Snowcloud		☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
	tschonoskii		Pillar Crab	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
PRUNUS		(many)	Flowering Cherry/Plum	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	avium		Wild Cherry	☐	☒	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐

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PRUNUS cont.	x hillieri	Spire		☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
	padus	Albertii	Bird Cherry	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐
		Pandora		☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
	x schmittii			☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐
		Snow Goose		☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐
PYRUS			Pear	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	calleryana	Bradford		☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
		Chanticleer		☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
QUERCUS	petraea	Columna	Sessile Oak	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
	robur	Fastigiata Koster	Cypress Oak	☐	☐	☒	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
ROBINIA	pseudoacacia	Bessoniana	False Acacia	☒	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐
		Frisia		☒	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐
		Pyramidalis		☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐
SORBUS	aria		Whitebeam	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
		Lutescens		☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐

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SORBUS cont.	aria	Majestica		☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
	aucuparia		Mountain Ash/Rowan	☒	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
		Cardinal Royal		☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
		Edulis		☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
		Sheerwater Seedling		☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
	commixta	Embly		☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
	hupehensis			☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
	intermedia		Swedish Whitebeam	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
	x thuringiaca	Fastigiata		☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
TILIA	cordata	Green Spire	Small-leaved Lime	☐	☒	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
		Rancho		☒	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
	tomentosa	Brabant	Silver Lime	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒
Deciduous Conifer				☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
GINGKO	biloba	Fastigiata	Maidenhair Tree	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐
		Tremonia		☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐

Small and Ground Cover Shrubs for Highway Planting and Adjacent Areas

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				Prostrate	Dwarf	Small	Slow	Medium	Fast	Evergreen	Semi E	0.3–0.5 m	0.5–1.0 m	1.0–1.5 m
BERBERIS		(many)	Barberry	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐
	x frikartii	Amstelveen		☐	☐	☒	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
	x stenophylla	lrwinii		☐	☐	☒	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
	verruculosa			☐	☐	☒	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
	wilsoniae			☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐
BUXUS	sempervirens	Suffruticosa	Edging Box	☐	☐	☒	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
CEANOTHUS	thyrsiflorus	repens	Californian Lilac	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒
COTONEASTER		(many)		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
		Autumn Fire		☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒
	conspicuus	Decorus		☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒
		Coral Beauty		☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒
	dammeri			☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
		Gnom		☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐

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COTONEASTER	microphyllus			☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
	salicifolius	Repens		☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒
		Skogholm		☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒
CYTISUS	x beanii		Broom	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐
	x kewensis			☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐
ERICA		(many)	Heath	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
EUONYMUS	fortunei	Dart's Blanket		☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
		Emerald Charm		☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
		Emerald Gaiety		☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
		Emerald 'n' Gold		☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
		Silver Queen		☐	☐	☒	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
GENISTA	hispanica		Spanish Gorse	☐	☐	☒	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒
	lydia			☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐
	tinctoria	Golden Plate	Dyer's Greenweed	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☒	☐	☐

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GENISTA cont.	tinctoria	Royal Gold		☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐
HEBE	albicans			☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
		Carl Teschner		☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
		Emerald Green		☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
	ochracea	James Stirling		☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
	pinguifolia	Pagei		☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
	rakaiensis			☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
HEDERA		(many)		☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☒	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
HYPERICUM	androsaemum		Tustan	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐
	calycinum		Rose of Sharon	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☒	☐	☐
	x moserianum			☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
LAVANDULA	angustifolia	Grappenhall	Lavender	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
		Hidcote		☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
		Munstead		☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐

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LAVANDULA cont.	angustifolia	Twickel Purple		☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
LONICERA	pileata			☒	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒
MAHONIA	aquifolium		Oregon Grape	☐	☐	☒	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒
		Apollo		☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
PACHYSANDRA	terminalis			☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
PERNETTYA	mucronata	(many)		☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
POTENTILLA		(many)		☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐
PRUNUS	laurocerasus	Otto Luyken	Laurel	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒
		Zabelliana		☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒
ROSA		(many)	Rose	☒	☐	☒	☐	☒	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒
ROSMARINUS	officinalis	Miss Jessopp’s Upright	Rosemary	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
		Severn Sea		☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
RUBUS	tricolor		Bramble	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐

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RUSCUS	aculeatus		Butcher’s Broom	☐	☐	☒	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
SALIX	hastata	Wehrhahnii	Dwarf Willow	☒	☐	☒	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒
	lanata		Woolly Willow	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒
	purpurea	Gracilis	Purple Osier	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒
	repens	argentea	Creeping Willow	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒
SALVIA	officinalis	(several)	Sage	☐	☒	☒	☐	☐	☒	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
SANTOLINA	chamaecyparissus		Cotton Lavender	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
	virens			☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
SARCOCOCCA	confusa		Christmas Box	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
	hookeriana	dignya		☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
	humilis			☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
SENECIO	monroi			☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒
	Sunshine (greyi)			☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒

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SKIMMIA	japonica			☐	☐	☒	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
		Foremannii		☐	☐	☒	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
		Rubella		☐	☐	☒	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
SPIRAEA	x bumalda	Anthony Waterer		☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒
		Gold Flame		☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒
	x cinerea			☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒
	nipponica	Snow Mound		☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒
	thunbergii			☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒
STEPHANDRA	incisa	Crispa		☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐
SYMPHORI-CARPOS	x chenaultii	Hancock	Snowberry	☒	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐
	x doorenbosii	Mother of Pearl		☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒
		White Hedge		☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒
ULEX	gallii		Gorse	☒	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒
	minor (nanus)			☒	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒

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VIBURNUM	daavidii			☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
VINCA	major		Periwinkle	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
		Variegata		☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
	minor	(several)		☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
ARUNDINARIA	pumila		Bamboos	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
	vagans			☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
	variegata			☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒
SASA	veitchii			☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒
JUNIPERUS	communis	Hornibrookii	Juniper (Conifer)	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
		Repanda		☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
	horizontalis		Creeping Juniper	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐

Small and Ground Cover Shrubs for Highway Planting and Adjacent Areas

GENERA	SPECIES	VARIETY OR CULTIVAR	ENGLISH NAME	Size			Growth Rate					Distance from Edge of Carriageway		
				Prostrate	Dwarf	Small	Slow	Medium	Fast	Evergreen	Semi E	0.3–0.5 m	0.5–1.0 m	1.0–1.5 m
JUNIPERUS cont.	horizontalis	Bar Harbour		☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
		Douglasii	Waukegan Juniper	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
		Wiltonii	Blue Rug	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
	procumbens			☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
		Nana		☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
	sabina	tamariscifolia	Savin	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
	squamata	Blue Carpet		☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒
PINUS	mugo	pumilo	Mountain Pine	☒	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒
TAXUS	baccata	Repandans	Yew (poisonous)	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐