

Play Specification



1. Stilts (ref. Kompan NRO806 ) or similar approved to be secured into the sculptural mounding to play manufacturer's requirements.



2. Rounded glacial boulders approx. 600-900mm diameter, buried into the ground by one third.



3. Fallen tree trunk - soft wood tree trunk (for seating and clambering) to be trimmed & prepared for use by public. Supplied by Streetscape Products and Services Ltd or similar approved play manufacturer. To be installed onto concrete footings (GEN2). Supplied by an approved play manufacturer.



4. Double balance beams (ref. Kompan NRO803) or similar approved.



5. Up and Over Net (ref. Kompan NRO812) or similar approved.



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KEY

- Existing Trees to be retained - in accordance with BS5837:2012
- Tree removed to enable utilities
- Proposed Trees
- Existing Amenity Grass to be retained - areas adjacent to works to be made good as per Summary Planting Specification
- Existing Tarmac Path to be retained
- Litter Bin - Tydeman as supplied by Orchard Street Furniture or similar approved.
- Dog Bin - supplied by Orchard Street Furniture.
- Bench - 1.8m length hard wood timber seat with armrests and backrest, to be in-ground fixed, suitable for 4 people eg. Coxes Seat supplied by Orchard Street Furniture.
- Picnic Bench - 1.8m length hard wood timber picnic bench, to be in-ground fixed suitable eg. Conference Table supplied by Orchard Street Furniture.
- Existing above ground telegraph wire (left in situ)
- Proposed utility cables (SSE HV Cables and HV Cable GTC)
- Tree root barrier system - to be confirmed dependent on depth of foul sewer/surface water run off sewer, extent and depth to be confirmed as per Engineers specification.
- Waymarker signpost adjacent to seat to indicate direction of Roper Road and Carswell Circle B play spaces, and village green eg. FSC Certified hardwood timber sign post by Woodscape with text.
- Play equipment - refer to play specification
- Play surfacing - Recycled bonded rubber eco-mulch safety surfacing in green and laid to the critical fall heights and extend as specified by the manufacturer. All play safety surfaces to be laid to BS EN1176 + BS EN 1177.
- Grass sculptural mounding - topsoil shall be spread evenly over the formation levels in layers not exceeding 150mm and to a depth of 150mm for grass. All slopes shall be graded with a rigid blade grader and consolidated to proposed levels. The gradient of the slopes shall be smooth-flowing, no steeper than 1:3 and marrying in with all existing levels. Contours shown at 0.25m intervals. Mounding to be laid with premium grade turf.
- Safety surfaced sculptural mounding - The gradient of the slopes shall be smooth-flowing, and suitable for the requirement of the play equipment and marrying in with all existing levels. Contours shown at 0.25m intervals.
- 0.6m high timber knee rail

SUMMARY PLANTING SPECIFICATION

These implementation and maintenance guidelines are for planning purposes only to indicate the level of workmanship to be specified and do not constitute a detailed specification.

1. GENERAL

- 1.1. All landscape operatives will be appropriately trained, certified and qualified to undertake the tasks required. When required, the relevant certificates will be made available for inspection. All work is to be carried out in accordance with the relevant British Standards, Codes of Practice and Legislation.
- 1.2. All plants shall conform to BS 3036 and be in accordance with the National Plant Specification. Supplying nurseries shall be registered under the HTA Nursery Certification Scheme. All plants shall be packed and transported in accordance with the Code of Practice for Plant Handling as produced by CPSE.
- 1.3. Planting shall not be carried out when the ground is waterlogged, frost bound or during periods of cold drying winds. All bare root planting stock will be kept covered until actually planted in order to minimise water-loss and prevent the roots from drying out. Tree handling, storage and planting shall be in accordance with BS 8545 Chapters 9 to 10 and Annexes E to F.
- 1.4. The landscape contractor shall maintain all areas of new planting for a period of 12 months following practical completion. All stock deemed to be dead, dying or diseased within the defects period shall be replaced by the contractor at his own cost.

2. TREE PLANTING

- Ground Preparation and Tree Pit Excavation
- 2.1. Where necessary treat existing weeds with a glyphosate based herbicide and allow a suitable period to elapse, as recommended by the manufacturer, for the herbicide to take effect.
  - 2.2. Tree pits of at least 75mm diameter greater than the root system and no deeper than the rootball/container depth are to be excavated and the sides well scarified to prevent smearing. All extraneous matter such as plastic, wood, metal and stones greater than 50mm in any dimension shall be removed from site.
  - 2.3. During excavation of the pit, the soil dug should be placed to one side separating topsoil and subsoil as far as is practical.
- Tree Planting
- 2.4. Trees shall be planted as per the planting arrangement as set out on the planting plan and plant schedule. The typical rooting depth for trees is 900mm. The first 300mm shall be made up of topsoil; it shall be ensured that a suitable subsoil provides the remainder of the minimum rooting depth.
  - 2.5. The root system of the tree should be wetted prior to planting. The tree should be planted at the correct depth taking into account the position of the root flare and the finished level - the rootball or root stem transition should be level with the existing host soil or surface. The base of the rootball should typically sit on subsoil, for larger rootballs the subsoil will sit around the lower portion of the rootball.
  - 2.6. Tree pits should be backfilled with the excavated topsoil, if the original topsoil is not available or deemed unsuitable, a multi-purpose topsoil should be used. Any subsoil excavated should be discarded and the subsoil depth (beyond 300mm deep) backfilled with a high sand content subsoil. Backfill should be added gradually, in layers of 150mm to 200mm depth, ensuring the tree is held upright. At each stage the fill should be firming in to eliminate all air pockets under and around the root system, but with care being taken not to excessively compact the soil. The final layer should not be consolidated.
  - 2.7. General-purpose slow release fertiliser (at the rate of 75g/m<sup>2</sup>) and Tree Planting and Mulching Compost at the rate of 20litres/m<sup>2</sup> are to be incorporated into the top 150mm of topsoil during final cultivations.
  - 2.8. Extra heavy standard trees shall be double staked staked with 75mm dia stakes. Stakes should be driven at least 300mm into undisturbed ground before planting the tree, taking care to avoid underground services and cables etc, and should typically be one third the height of the tree stem above ground.
  - 2.9. Trees shall be secured to stakes with suitable proprietary rubber tree ties and spacers.
  - 2.10. Immediately after planting, but before applying the below bark mulch, all trees should be saturated to field capacity. Ornamental composted bark mulch will be spread to a depth of 75mm across a 1.0m dia circle around individual trees, ensuring that the root flare and base of the stem, along with any ground cover plants, are not buried.

Maintenance

- 2.11. In the autumn following planting the CA/landscape contractor will prepare a list of all trees which are dead, dying or diseased and are to be replaced during the following planting season. All stock deemed to be dead, dying or diseased within the defects period shall be replaced by the contractor at his own cost.
- 2.12. The site is to be visited monthly throughout the year to undertake the following operations.
  - Weed clearance: All tree pits are to be kept weed free by hand weeding or herbicide treatment. The bark mulch shall be topped up at least once annually.
  - Litter clearance: All litter is to be removed from tree planting areas.
  - Watering: All trees are to be watered during the growing season following any dry periods of 7 days.
  - Checking trees: All tree ties and stakes are to be checked and adjusted if too loose, too tight or if chaffing is occurring. Any broken stakes are to be replaced. All grilles, grids and guards shall be checked at least once annually, where no longer necessary or physically damaging the tree these should be removed.
  - Formative pruning: Any damaged shoots/branches are to be pruned back to healthy wood. Trees are to be pruned in accordance with good horticultural practice (BS 3998) to maintain healthy well-shaped specimens which are appropriately shaped for their circumstances.

3. AMENITY GRASS (To be made good where necessary after installation of play elements and street furniture)

Preparation

- 3.1. Areas to be turfed or seeded shall be sprayed out with a glyphosate herbicide and cultivated to a depth of 100mm removing all weeds, debris and stones over 25mm diameter. The surface shall be raked to smooth flowing contours with a fine silt. Amenity grass areas will receive pre-seeding fertiliser at 70 g/m<sup>2</sup>. Meadow grass areas will not be fertilised.
- 3.2. The minimum overall recommended rooting depth for grass is 450mm, the first 150mm shall be made up of a multi-purpose topsoil. It shall be ensured that a suitable subsoil shall provide the remainder of the minimum rooting depth. Before receiving topsoil, subsoils should be loosened using ripping equipment; this shall be done when the subsoil is dry to encourage soil shattering. All stones and other objects larger than 50 mm shall be removed from the prepared surface.

Turf

- 3.3. Turf shall be supplied in accordance with BS3969. It shall be close textured and green in colour and be sufficiently fibrous to withstand handling. Turves shall be regular in shape, 300mm wide and of uniform thickness (minimum 25mm). The grass shall be closely mown and shall not exceed 25mm in height. Turf shall be stacked in piles of up to 1 metre. It shall not be laid in frosty or waterlogged conditions and shall not be stacked in rows for more than three days. Turfing operations shall be in accordance with BS 4428: Whole turves shall be laid around the perimeter of the area to be turfed. The central area shall be laid in rows with staggered joints, well butted together, working from planks positioned on turves already laid. The turf shall be watered on completion. Any unevenness shall be made good by lifting the turf and adjusting the levels. Should shrinkage occur, fine topsoil shall be brushed into the joints.

Seeding

- 3.4. Grass seed shall be sown either in April/May or September/October during calm weather and not when the ground is frost bound or waterlogged. Seed shall be sown in two equal sowings in transverse directions at 35 g/m<sup>2</sup> for amenity grass. After sowing the contractor shall lightly rake the seed into intimate contact with the soil.

Initial Cut

- 3.5. During newly seeded amenity grass areas reach 50mm they should be lightly rolled and cut to a height of 25mm. All arisings shall be removed. Any bare patches shall be made good at this time. Amenity grass shall be regularly maintained between 25 and 50mm during the first season after sowing.

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# Detailed Landscape Proposals - Carswell Circle A (Sheet 3 of 4)

## Heyford Park - Existing Open Spaces

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