

General Planting Specification

All PLANTING STOCK SHALL COMPLY WITH the requirements of the British Standards 3836, and shall be healthy, strong with a good shape and strong root system in accordance with the National Plant Specification. The native plants are to be of local provenance and be well labelled. The supply and planting of trees to be in accordance BS 8545:2014. Trees from nursery to be independence in the landscape. Trees and shrubs are to be lifted only between mid October and mid March and to be handled and transported in accordance with relevant codes of practice, with roots kept moist and wrapped to protect them from adverse weather conditions.

All planting operations shall be carried out in accordance with British Standards 4426. Planting pits are to be dug at a size in excess of the roots to allow the roots to be spread out in the pit. All plants are to be planted at their planting depth as the well established mature is to be incorporated in the backfill of all tree pits. (see enclosed diagram)

Tree pits and strata cell construction are to be executed in accordance with Green Blue Urban of Northpoint, Compass Park, Bodiam, East Sussex, TN32 5BS  
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Hedging and Shrub beds- excavate 500mm deep, and break up the base of the planting beds. Provide and lay 400mm deep topsoil in accordance with BS 3882. Cultivate to this depth and incorporate 100mm of well rotted farmyard manure or approved compost. Supply plants in accordance with BS 3836 and plant in accordance with BS 4428. Plant hedging in double staggered row, for boundary hedging 4 per metre, for box hedging 6 per metre. Supply and lay medium grade ornamental bark mulch 75mm deep to all shrub beds.

**Maintenance**  
All plants are to be maintained until established. Shrub beds are to be kept weed free. Grass to be kept well watered until established and kept 1 metre diameter surrounding trees are to be kept free from weed. An additional weed growth round the base of the plant removed. The bark mulch is to be topped up annually to 75mm and the planting beds kept free of litter.  
Plants within the shrub beds to be faced back from path edges as required. The following plants to be pruned annually.  
The hedges are to be maintained at a consistent height depending on species and location Box hedges to be maintained at 450-600mm, and boundary a a minimum of 1.2 metres or as directed by the client.

**Replacement Planting**  
Replace any tree or plant within a five year period that fails to thrive or is below specification.  
Any grass area that fails shall be re-turfed in accordance with the specification.

- Annual Maintenance for Trees**  
All plants are to be maintained until established.  
Maintain a 1metre diameter surround to trees free from grass, weeds and rubbish at all times.  
Newly-planted trees are to be watered during April-September.  
The intervals between watering is to be fortnightly with additional visits if there has been no rain during a 14 day period.  
Inject watering tubes to capacity or if applied fill free watering bags with 90 litre of water for slow release per visit tree should be watered twice monthly during the summer months for the first 2 years unless there is adequate rainfall to fully hydrate the surrounding ground.  
Fork over panned down areas.  
Maintain mulched areas at specified depth, topping up as necessary to maintain a 75 mm cover.  
Check each stake and the where fitted and adjust, re-fix or renew as necessary to ensure that no damage occurs to any tree and check each stake is supporting its tree in the intended manner.  
Check that each tree is growing healthily and remove all dead wood, damaged or diseased branches. Remove any suckering shoots growing from the clear stem. Prunings to be removed off site to the contractors tip.  
Any wounds shall be neatly paired back to sound wood in accordance with BS. 3998: 2010 Recommendations for Tree Work. Re-tim trees which have been loosened by the wind or frost.  
Remove all stakes and ties after two years or after the trees have rooted successfully.

SCHEDULE

- Existing trees
- Existing planting to retain
- New tree planting
- Existing native hedges
- New hedges
- Shrub planting
- Strata cell - urban planting underground systems
- Roof garden planters- design and materials to be decided
- Roof garden planting
- Specimens shrubs
- Climbing plants
- Decking (or similar)

