

# Condition 3 – Landscaping Submission to Discharge Condition

Please find enclosed the approved Landscaping Plan submitted in support of the discharge of Condition 3.

The proposed landscaping scheme comprises native hedgerow planting, primarily hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*) and blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa*). This will be supplemented, where appropriate, with additional native species including hazel (*Corylus avellana*) and field maple (*Acer campestre*) to provide species diversity.

The planting palette has been selected to reflect the character of the local landscape, ensure visual integration with the surrounding area, and deliver biodiversity enhancements.

## Implementation

All planting will be carried out during the first available planting season (October–March) following commencement of development, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Any trees or shrubs which, within a period of five years from planting, die, are removed, or become seriously damaged or diseased shall be replaced in the next planting season with others of similar size and species.

## Five-Year Maintenance Schedule

### Years 1–5:

- Regular watering during the first two growing seasons, particularly during dry periods.
- Weed control around the base of plants (by hand weeding, mulching, or approved herbicide application where necessary).
- Replacement of any failed plants during the next planting season.
- Formative pruning as necessary to encourage healthy establishment and appropriate growth form.
- Hedge trimming undertaken outside of the bird nesting season (March–August inclusive), unless checked and confirmed clear prior to works.
- Inspection and adjustment of stakes, ties, and protective guards as required.

This management regime will ensure successful establishment, long-term viability, and continued biodiversity benefit.

The submitted landscaping plan and maintenance schedule provide sufficient detail to enable the Local Planning Authority to formally discharge Condition 3.