



In order to provide biodiversity net gain as part of the development, other neutral grassland will be created and 10x trees will be planted. Providing the following creation and on-going management principles are undertaken and adhered to, the habitats should achieve their required condition. The on-going management should be secured for a 30-year period in line with BNG legislation.

10x trees are proposed on the site. It is proposed to plant fruit trees of species including apple (*Malus x domestica*), pear (*Pyrus communis*), sweet cherry (*Prunus avium*), medlar (*Mespilus germanica*) and damson (*Prunus x insititia*). Tree species chosen are naturally small and will be planted at a minimum distance of 15m apart.

- Other neutral grassland creation and management:
- Prepare the ground for introduction of seed by cutting any vegetation within the parcel as short as possible. Remove all arisings.
 - Create at least 50% bare ground (if possible 75%) using suitable equipment.
 - Sow a suitable wildflower seed mix such as Emorsgate EM1 Basic General Purpose Meadow Mixture.
 - Broadcast the seed mix as detailed by the manufacturer.
 - After sowing roll or put livestock onto the bare ground.
 - Manage perennial weed growth through removing any weeds which grow before they set to seed, either by topping, mowing or removing by hand for smaller areas.
 - Undertake a cut, or graze at a low stocking density in late summer (July – September).
 - Once established, additional cuts or low density grazing should be undertaken in autumn.
 - During cuts, all grassland cuttings must be removed from the site to avoid nutrient build up in the soil.
 - Do not use machinery when the ground is wet to avoid soil compaction.

- Tree planting and management:
- Trees should be planted with appropriate tree guards and a layer of mulch (min. 10cm deep) laid around a 1m diameter of the new trees;
 - In periods of drought, water newly planted trees as required;
 - Maintain tree guards and areas of mulch. Keep free from weeds for a minimum of 3 years after planting to reduce competition with other plants and increase chances of the trees becoming established. Assess the trees for any signs of pests and/or disease. Treat any pests or diseases as required;
 - Replace any trees which fail to establish like-for-like, or with another native species. Plant trees and shrubs during the winter or spring;
 - Remove tree guards when appropriate, such as when they begin to split or hamper the growth of the tree. Recycle tree guards appropriately. Consider using more permanent wooden tree guards to protect trees from grazing animals;
 - Preferably leave deadwood in situ. However, undertake selective pruning as required (retain more than 25% of the canopy). Make pruning cuts cleanly, square to the branch and above the height of the branch collar; and
 - Replace any dead trees like-for-like, or with another native species. Plant trees and shrubs during the winter or spring. If it is safe to do so, retain any standing dead trees for their benefit to wildlife.

Management prescription	Timing											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Other neutral grassland												
Prepare ground and sow seed mix			✓	✓					✓	✓		
Cut and remove all arisings or graze at a low density								✓	✓	✓	✓	
Rural trees												
Plant new trees	✓	✓	✓								✓	✓
Water trees during drought (as required)					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Weeding and replacement of tree guards (as required)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Replace failed/dead trees	✓	✓	✓								✓	✓
Established tree pruning	✓	✓									✓	✓

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Figure 1

TITLE

Wildlife enhancement and habitat management plan

LEGEND

- Site boundary
- Other neutral grassland
- Rural tree - small

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Figure 2

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Wildlife enhancement and habitat management plan

LEGEND

-  Site boundary
-  Artificial unvegetated, unsealed surface
-  1B Schwegler Nest Box (or similar)
-  Beaumaris Woodstone Bat Box (or similar)

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