

ALDI London Road, Devizes

LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE PLAN

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Refer to planting plans:

- 1636-02 Soft Landscape Proposals

- 1636-03 Softworks Schedule & Notes

- 1636-04 Soft Landscape Proposals

1. Introduction

1.1 Format of the Management and Maintenance Plan

This plan sets out general principles and quality standards required for the maintenance of the softworks and for the long-term landscape management.

It should be read alongside drawings 1603-03 Plant Schedule & Notes and 1636-02 & 04 Soft Landscape Proposals, and used by the maintenance team to produce detailed priced programme of work.

This plan should also form the basis for periodic (annual) reviews and evaluation of maintenance works.

Reference should also be made to any information regarding the ecological and arboricultural management recommendations for the site, (eg any Landscape and Ecological Management Plans, BNG and Green Infrastructure, and arboricultural reports).

1.2. Aims of the Management and Maintenance Plan

This plan aims to ensure that the vision for the landscape at the ALDI Devizes site can be achieved through a long term, co-ordinated and informed approach to landscape management.

2. Landscape Management Objectives

2.1. The Establishment Period

The 12 month aftercare maintenance period, part of the contract works defects period, should be built into the implementation contract to cover intensive post-installation maintenance requirements for the whole of the landscape works. During this period, the landscape contractor should be responsible for all horticultural maintenance operations, including replacing planting which has failed to flourish.

At the end of the 12 months aftercare maintenance period, part of the contract works defects period, any defects in soft landscape materials due to materials or workmanship should be rectified before responsibility is handed over to ALDI and their grounds team / appointed long-term landscape maintenance contractor.

2.2. Access

The landscape contractor shall liaise with ALDI developer and/or Principle Contractor regarding site access. Maintenance work associated with pruning of trees and shrubs to be actioned outside of the current officially recognised UK bird breeding season so as not to disturb nesting sites.

2.3. Facilities

The landscape contractor shall liaise with ALDI developer and the Principal Contractor directly regarding working hours, permissions for parking, storage, use of water and any other resources.

2.4. Maintenance Objectives for Soft Landscape - Generally

- apply good horticultural and ecological practice to all operations.
- promote healthy growth and establishment of all plants, trees, grass, wildflower areas.
- ensure consistent control of invasive weeds.
- promote optimum display and flowering periods and stem colour.
- ensure development of optimum plant form, shape, and planting density.
- provide protection against pests and diseases.
- promote wildlife value and species diversity where appropriate.
- ensure long term commitment to replacement of defective plant material.
- review opportunities for introduction of new species or replacement of exhausted species where appropriate, in line with original design intentions.

2.5. Landscape components with specific management objectives

2.5.1 Trees

- ensure that good horticultural practice is employed to encourage long term health and vitality of all trees
- ensure well-balanced crowns and natural shape

2.5.2 Native and Ornamental Hedges, Shrub and Groundcover Planting

- ensure that good horticultural practice is employed to encourage long term health and vitality of all groundcover, shrubs, hedges and whip planted areas
- planting to be thinned / re-spaced in order that they have sufficient room to develop
- review opportunities for introducing native shrubs and those with particular wildlife value into planted areas where appropriate.
- maintain a clean and safe environment.
- ensure cultural techniques are employed which use a variety of mulches and organic fertilisers and which minimise the use of chemicals wherever possible and avoid the use of peat.

3. Programming of Maintenance and Management Operations

3.1. Monitoring

To protect the investment in the quality of soft landscape works, ALDI and their grounds team / appointed long-term landscape maintenance contractor must provide a high standard of maintenance; the long-term success of the scheme is dependent on its maintenance regime.

The management plan and maintenance operations included herewith will be reviewed on awarding the long-term maintenance contract following the end of the 12 month aftercare maintenance works defects period and from thereafter on a regular three year basis.

This management plan is intended to provide a basic performance specification to enable ALDI and their grounds team / appointed long-term landscape maintenance contractor to submit for agreement a detailed three year programme of work which shall include scheduled dates for planting review and refurbishment.

The following is an indicative annual schedule of maintenance visits applicable for the first five years of establishment. This provides a reasonable frequency of the more common operations, and a good indication of the required level of intensity of management required but is not intended to be fully comprehensive or restrictive.

A programme of litter and leaf clearance may be required near the buildings and in the car park areas – to be agreed with ALDI.

ALDI and their grounds team / appointed long-term landscape maintenance contractor are required to construct a schedule of maintenance operations and frequency using their own experience and horticultural knowledge.

The ongoing programme of maintenance work will also include proposed frequency of visits and operations detailed in the specification, i.e. pruning. It shall also include scheduled dates for:

- infrequent operations such as re-spacing of plants, pruning, topping up of mulch, replacement of plants / restocking of beds etc.
- planting review and refurbishment.
- monitoring and review; the effectiveness of the management operations is to be closely and continually monitored and reviewed annually against this Specification and Landscape Maintenance Plan, with any resulting changes incorporated into the subsequent years' programme.

3.2. Soft Landscape Maintenance Schedules**Trees**

Maintenance Operation	FREQUENCY												Subsequent Years	Special Comments
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
Check for Stability / Damage / Disease and check stakes and loosen ties			1						1				Continue	Stakes to be attached to trees no higher than 1/3 of the clear height of stem. Plants loosened by the effects of wind, frost heave, etc shall be set upright and re-firmed. Remove stakes & ties when no longer needed to support tree
Prune damaged, diseased or dead wood and branches lower than 2m overhanging paths			1						1				Continue	Remove clippings etc. from site
Inspect for failures and replace all dead / severely damaged/diseased/vandalised											1		Continue	Replace with same species and size/form
Maintain 1m diameter circle around each tree weed-free by hand weeding			1			1			1				Continue	Care must be taken to avoid damage to the new planting, to avoid mixing mulching material with topsoil, and to avoid disturbing root system.
Top up mulch to specified 75mm depth			1										Continue	Use originally specified mulch material.
Apply slow release fertiliser lightly worked into surface of mulch			1										Continue	Approved slow release fertiliser at manufacturer's recommended rates
Watering – Year 1 & 2				2	2	2	2	2	2	2				Watering – fill irrigation bags (57 litres per standard). Allow for additional watering weekly as necessary in times of drought. Drought conditions exist when there are 14 consecutive days or more without rain.
Watering Year 3 to 5				As required (see comments)										Water as necessary in times of drought. Drought conditions exist when there are 14 consecutive days or more without rain. In times of water restrictions 2 nd class water may be used
Existing Trees		1									1			All existing trees on site to be reviewed bi-annually for health and to establish any necessary tree works. Undergrowth to be cut back tidy and to prevent encroachment and to prevent dominance of undesirable single species eg bramble, holly, sycamore. Refer to Arboriculturalist's & Ecologist's reports

General notes:

Where any new plantings fail to establish, measures will be taken to resolve any underlying problems. Any plant material which dies, or is not in a thriving condition, whether due to the effects of weather, lack of water, poor pruning technique, lack of maintenance, herbicide damage, or any other cause shall be replaced.

Ornamental Shrubs, Groundcover

Maintenance Operation	FREQUENCY												Subsequent Years	Special comments
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
Remove weeds by hand weeding and fork over bare soil. Spot-treat pernicious weeds if necessary following approval			1	1	1	1	1	1	1				Discontinue once full cover has been achieved	Do not disturb root system. Approved non-residual herbicide as Manufacturer's usage specifications
Top-up to 75mm depth of mulch			1				1						Discontinue once full cover has been achieved	Shredded bark suitable for mulch
Prune shrubs to desired shape at appropriate timing for species, promoting ground coverage, removing dead or damaged material and any suckers					1						1		Continue	Remove clippings
Check for failures, pest and disease, and replant as necessary											1		Continue	Replace with same species as soon as possible. Seek approval to vary species or size
Apply liquid feed / slow release fertiliser				1									Continue	Approved slow release fertiliser at manufacturer's recommended rates
Prune back any trailing or protruding vegetation from kerb lines and footpaths			1	1	1	1	1	1	1					
Watering Year 1 & 2				2	2	2	2	2	2	2			Watering to be undertaken weekly during drought conditions. Watering should be carried out during the early morning or early evening – 5 litres per linear metre of hedging	
Watering Year 3 to 5				As required (see comments)									Drought conditions exist when there are 14 consecutive days or more without rain. In times of water restrictions 2 nd class water may be used	

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Native Hedges

Maintenance Operation	FREQUENCY												Years 2 to 5	Special comments
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		Refer to Ecologist's Reports
Remove weeds and fork over bare soil - 5 years / or until establishment			1	1	1	1	1	1	1				Discontinue once full cover achieved	Do not disturb root system
Top-up 75mm depth of mulch			1										Discontinue once full cover achieved	Shredded bark suitable for mulch
Check for failures, pest and disease and replant as necessary											1		Continue	Replace with same species as soon as possible. Seek approval to vary species or size
Apply liquid feed / slow release fertiliser				1									Continue	Approved fertiliser at manufacturer's recommended rates
Pruning Year 1 (Formative prune on planting) Lightly trim whip sides to encourage bushing out						1								Remove all clippings to agreed composting area
Pruning Year 2 February – formative pruning cut back growth by half September - cut sides only		1							1					Remove all clippings to agreed composting area
Pruning Years 3-5 and Subsequent Years Trim top and sides, tapering towards the top to maintain desired height and width		1							1					Remove all clippings to agreed composting area
Check / replace rabbit guards									1				Remove from site after Year 2	
Watering Year 1 & 2				2	2	2	2	2	2	2			Watering to be undertaken weekly during drought conditions. Watering should be carried out during the early morning or early evening	
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Native Shrub Copse / Scrub Mix

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Check for failures, pest and disease and replant as necessary											1		Continue	Replace with same species as soon as possible. Seek approval to vary species or size
Apply liquid feed / slow release fertiliser				1										Approved fertiliser at manufacturer's recommended rates
Pruning Year 1 (Formative prune on planting) Lightly trim whip sides to encourage bushing out, check and refix spiral guards						1								Remove all clippings to agreed composting area
Pruning Year 2 February – formative pruning cut back growth by half, remove spiral guards		1							1					Remove all clippings to agreed composting area, remove guards from site
Pruning Years 3-5 trim back any growth encroaching on footpaths and kerb lines, and thin mix as necessary		1							1					Remove all clippings to agreed composting area
Watering Year 1 & 2				2	2	2	2	2	2	2			Watering to be undertaken weekly during drought conditions. Watering should be carried out during the early morning or early evening	
Watering Year 3 to 5				As required (see comments)									Drought conditions exist when there are 14 consecutive days or more without rain. In times of water restrictions 2 nd class water may be used	

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Bulbs

Maintenance Operation	FREQUENCY												Subsequent Years	Special comments
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
Deadhead withered flowers after flowering					1								Continue	Remove to agreed composting area
Cut back foliage when it yellows and withers and apply fertiliser							1						Continue	Arisings to be removed

Amenity Grass / Close Mown Grass Edges – Germinal A22 Low Maintenance Mix

Maintenance Operation	FREQUENCY												Subsequent Years	Special Comments
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
														Mowing margin between kerb and conservation sward / hedge to be maintained as amenity grass
Year 1 - Cut to 40-60mm			2	3	3-4	3-4	3-4	3-4	3	1				Adjust mowing frequency as required according to growth rate and weather conditions. Remove perennial weeds eg docks. Arisings to be removed
Apply approved selective herbicide				1				1						Seek approval
Apply spring fertiliser						1								
Assess areas & advise on renovation works required				1				1					Continue	Repair worn areas, aerate, and top dress hollows, as required
Apply lawn feed									1					
Year 2-5 Cut to 40mm			2	3	3-4	3-4	3-4	3-4	3	1			Continue	Adjust as required according to growth rate and weather conditions. Arisings to be removed

Flowering Lawns – Emorsgate EL1 Species Rich Flowering Lawn Seed Mix

Maintenance Operation	FREQUENCY												Subsequent Years	Special comments
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
Year 1: Cut height to 4-6cm				2	3	3-4	3	3	2	1				Mow newly sown flowering lawns regularly (every 7 -10 days during growing season) throughout the first year of establishment. Cut to a height of 40-60mm, removing arisings if dense. This will gradually develop a good sward structure, help maintain balance between faster growing grasses and slower developing wild flowers, and control annual weeds. Dig out any residual perennial weeds such as docks.
Year 2-5: Cut height to 3-5cm				2	3	3	*	2	2	1			Continue	Mow regularly as a lawn but not too short (3-5cm). *To permit flowering, mowing can be relaxed from late June. Cut again when the sward gets untidy (after 4-8 weeks). Mowing may be suspended earlier in the year to allow cowslips to flower. Remove arisings from site. Dig out any residual perennial weeds such as docks.
Closely mown margins around car park edges, paths and buildings, - as indicated on landscape proposals drawing			1	2	3	3-4	3	3	2	1			Continue	Mowing margin between kerb and conservation sward to be maintained as amenity grass – Cut to 40mm height when sward reaches a height of 70mm

Conservation Grassland – Emorsgate EH1 hedgerow seed mix

Maintenance Operation	FREQUENCY												Subsequent Years	Special comments
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
Year 1: Cut height to 7-10cm							1	3	3	1				After sowing there will be a flush of annual weeds, these weeds can look unsightly, but they offer shelter to the sown seedlings and will die before the year is out. So, resist cutting the annual weeds until mid-summer. Then cut, remove, and compost. This will reveal the young meadow, which can then be kept short to the end of March of the following year. Dig out any residual perennial weeds such as docks.
Year 2-5: Cut height to 5cm								1	1	1			Continue	Hedgerow grassland is not cut or grazed from spring through to late July/August to give the sown species an opportunity to flower. After flowering in July or August take a 'hay cut': cut back with a strimmer to 50mm. Leave the 'hay' to dry and shed seed for 1-7 days then remove from site. Mow the re-growth through to late autumn/winter to c 50mm and again in spring if needed and again in spring if needed

Conservation Highways Verge Flowering Meadow Grass –

Recommended management operations – on Highways land, to be carried out by / to be agreed with Local Authority / Highways

Maintenance Operation	FREQUENCY												Subsequent Years	Special comments
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
Year 1: Cut height to 5-7cm				1	(1)		(1)		1 (to 5cm)					Remove arisings. Spot treat to remove unwanted perennial weeds as necessary.
Year 2-5: Cut height to 5-7cm			1				(1)		1 (to 5cm)			Continue		Remove arisings.