

SPECIFICATION NOTES - REFER ALSO TO THE TENDER DOCUMENT

10 Setting out

4.0 Main

1.1 Planting shall be set out exactly as shown on the drawing, and measured from existing fixed points. Curved beds shall be set out using radii and centres of circles using two pointed stakes and a line between, or with site markers shall be set out to form a smooth and even flowing line. Check that all setting out conforms to the plan before commencing and planting works are carried out. Failure to do so may result in rejection of the work by the landscape architect and may require amendment at the contractor's expense.

1.2 All planting beds shall be a minimum of 1 metre wide, except where there is insufficient space, due to the constraints of walls and path edges, and their foundations. With narrow beds between walls, fences and path edges, ensure that the bed has space free from concrete before planting. If the bed is paved with concrete, then the landscape contractor shall contact the site manager or landscape architect to determine if footings are excessive and can be reduced or, where the bed can be paved. The width of all beds will be checked by the landscaping landscape architect and where the width is not as shown, the contractor shall re-cultivate them to the specified width at his own expense.

2.0 Ground preparation

2.1 Pre-planting herbicide application - Apply by suitable spraying equipment, an approved translocated systemic herbicide to the manufacturer's instructions and to 1987 Control of Pesticides Regulations and 2020 COSHH regulations on all beds, except those which are left bare and are to receive agricultural sheet mulch. Spray herbicide if any weeds are present. If the weeds are showing but planting is delayed, spray after one month following cultivation. To allow correct weed germination. All spraying shall be carried out by a skilled and qualified operator, using protective clothing in suitable weather (no wind and no damage caused by spray drift from incorrect angle of spraying). shall be specified at the contractor's own cost. Do not spray near a water body. Refer to the manufacturer's instructions for use. Refer to the manufacturer's instructions for use.

2.2 Carry out the following works to the existing topsoil on site to ensure it conforms to BS 3882:2015, being free from roots larger than 50mm diameter, correct all levels, weeds, brick and have less than 20% clay. Allow for pre-planting of herbicide above ground. Fertilise with 100g per square metre of phosphate CFP (18-6-12) slow release fertiliser. In accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. For beds less than 5 metres in width, back thoroughly or machine cultivate soil to a depth of 400mm, ensuring that the subgrade and topsoil are completely broken up and the drawing, relieving any compaction. For beds greater than 5 metres in width, break up the subgrade and topsoil using a tractor mounted subsoiler or ripper at 300mm centres to a depth of 400mm, except where there are services, or within 10 metres of two services or 3 metres of existing hedges. Do not cut areas where roots greater than 10mm diameter are encountered.

2.3 Determine before submitting a tender, the extent of support from the site manager with ground preparation. Use of all planting beds is agreed to a level 10mm above adjacent grass or paved surfaces, within 400mm of edges to ensure bank or road chip machine or ripper at 300mm centres to a depth of 400mm, except where there are services, or within 10 metres of two services or 3 metres of existing hedges. Do not cut areas where roots greater than 10mm diameter are encountered.

2.4 Blowing ground that is shown to be taken where there is a service adjacent to a topsoil level of the grass areas shall be graded to finish flush with the finished pavement level to allow surface water to drain from pavements to soft areas. Soil of grass areas shall therefore never be proud of paved areas. Soil levels more than 10mm below pavement edges will cause more damage on cutting.

2.5 Imported topsoil (where specified and sanctioned by the employer) for making up ground, shall conform to BS 3882:2015, and be free from (over 50mm diameter), concrete, roots, wire and brick, and have less than 20% clay. Topsoil shall be cultivated as set out above. Representative samples shall first be approved by the landscape architect before being applied to site. No topsoil shall be applied to site without the written instruction.

3.0 Planting

3.1 All planting must be carried out in accordance with the tender document, and accompanying drawings. Refer to the tender document for the preparation of existing topsoil and required depths for planting, cutting, and trees, and also for contractual maintenance requirements.

3.2 No substitutions will be accepted without the prior agreement of the landscaping landscape architect. The contractor shall replace or amend all on site stock levels, species or variety of plant which has not been specified on the planting plan and schedule, unless with prior written agreement, a substitution has been agreed by the landscaping landscape architect. All plants shall be true to the species specified in the schedule of plants and associated rates. CL pots are 150mm diameter and 150mm deep. SL pots are 150mm diameter and 150mm deep. SL pots are 220mm diameter and 220mm deep. SL pots are 300mm diameter and 300mm deep. SL pots are 400mm diameter and 400mm deep. SL pots are 500mm diameter and 500mm deep. SL pots are 600mm diameter and 600mm deep. SL pots are 700mm diameter and 700mm deep. SL pots are 800mm diameter and 800mm deep. SL pots are 900mm diameter and 900mm deep. SL pots are 1000mm diameter and 1000mm deep. SL pots are 1200mm diameter and 1200mm deep. 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