

Planting Specification

Indigenous hedgerow & Planting Area A

To be composed of the following species mix planted as 400 - 600mm hedging transplants in double staggered rows at 600 mm centres:

- 5% Carpinus betulus (Hornbeam)
- 15% Corylus avellana (Hazel)
- 30% Crataegus monogyna (Hawthorn)
- 20% Ilex aquifolium (Holly)
- 5% Prunus avium (Wild cherry)
- 20% Prunus spinosa (Blackthorn)
- 5% Rosa Canina (Dog rose)

Existing hedgerow to be Gapped Up

Existing hedgerow as denoted to be *Gapped Up* with the planting stock and ratios as listed above, however the centres will be determined on the ground as necessary.

Planting Area A

Planting Area A will also use the planting stock as detailed above. The transplants will be planted at 2 m centres:

Standard Oak Trees x 3

Species	Stocktype
Quercus robur (Oak)	Heavy Standard, Girth 12 -14cm, Height 4.m, container grown

Plant Establishment

All transplants shall be protected with a plastic spiral guard with bamboo cane or 600mm planting tubes.

Standard trees will be planted in a tree pit of sufficient size to accommodate the root spread. The trees will be staked with 2No. 70mm diameter tree stakes, placed either side of the root ball and extending approximately 600mm above ground level. The tree shall be secured to the crossbar with a 50mm wide flexible plastic strapping forming an "X" shape when viewed from the side and fitted with a moulded rubber spacer. The strapping shall be fixed to the cross bar with galvanised clout nails. Each tree shall be protected with a 600mm mesh guard.

Planting shall be undertaken between end of November and March and at the time of planting, the soil shall be moist and friable and not frozen, excessively dry, or water-logged.

The transplants shall be notch planted. The soil shall be lightly firmed to ensure intimate contact with the roots.

New planting to be protected from grazing stock by post and wire fencing (stock proof) as necessary.

Plant Maintenance

A weed free strip extending along the length of each newly planted hedgerow shall be maintained for a period of at least 2 years by a combination of regular strimming or application of a systemic herbicide as deemed appropriate.

Any trees or shrubs that die, become diseased or are removed within a five year period shall be replaced within the first available planting season with trees / shrubs of the same species and of similar stock size.

