

Interchange 26 - Phase 3 (Units 1 and 2, reserved matters 2021/91932)

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LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

- 1) Generally
Sign in and notify of the following operations
 - Application of herbicide
 - Application of fertilise
 - Weeding
 - Pruning
 - Watering
 - Each site maintenance visit
- 2) Disposal of Arisings Generally
Unless specified otherwise, dispose of arisings from all specified operations by removing all arisings off-site to a licensed tip.
- 3) Shrubs/Trees/hedges
 - Maintain trees and shrubs, carry out maintenance of the planted areas as follows:
 - Maintain a weed free area around each tree and shrub, minimum diameter the larger of 1 m or the surface of the original planting pits. Keep planting beds clear of weeds by forking over beds as necessary to keep soil loose, with gentle cambers and no hollows.

To be carried out year-round.

- 4) Tree Stakes and Ties
Inspect as scheduled and additionally immediately after strong winds, carry out the following:
 - Check stakes for looseness, breaks and decay and replace as necessary to original specification. If a tree with defective stake has grown sufficiently to become self supporting, remove stake and fill the hole with lightly compacted soil.
 - Adjust, refix or replace loose or defective ties as necessary, allowing for growth since planting and to prevent chafing. Where chafing has occurred, reposition or replace ties to prevent further chafing.

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- Where stakes are longer than half the height of the clear stem of the tree, cut the stake to this height in spring and retie to tree firmly but not tightly with a single tie.
- Remove redundant tapes, tags, labels and other encumbrances.
- Remove stakes and ties in spring if the tree no longer requires support, or as agreed.

To be carried out year-round.

5) Refirming

Ensure that trees and shrubs remain firmly bedded after strong winds, frost heave and other disturbances. Refirm by treading around the base. 'Collars' at the base of tree stems created by tree movement to be broken up by fork, avoiding damage to roots, backfilled with topsoil as necessary, and refirmed.

To be carried out year-round.

6) Weed Control Generally

- Remove and/or prevent plant growth that is not required in the landscape in the course of routine maintenance visits, to achieve a weed-free, neat and tidy site, to allow plant to grow free from unnecessary competition.
- Weeding to be carried out by appropriate means for the area, either by hand, machine or herbicide.
- Ensure that the methods used cause the minimum of damage to adjacent plants, trees or grass.

To be carried out year-round.

7) Hand Weeding

Remove all weeds, including roots, by hand using hoes, trowels or forks, taking care to remove not more than a minimum quantity of soil, causing minimum disturbance to trees, plant, mulched surfaces and bulbs and leaving the area in a neat, raked, clean condition.

To be carried out year-round.

8) Tree and Plant Stems

Do not allow nylon filament rotary cutters or other mechanical tools closer than 100 mm to the stem of any tree or plant. Complete operations close to stems using hand tools.