

Landscape Management Plan

GRASSCRETE AREAS – Short Mown Amenity Grass

Maintenance objectives:

- To provide an even and well-maintained appearance, control weeds and ensure grasscrete remains in working order.

Management requirements:

- Routine maintenance will include inspection of grasscrete surface and pockets and repair as required
- The Grounds Maintenance Team shall use appropriate equipment and machinery driven or operated in a manner appropriate to the task.
- Litter and other similar debris shall be collected immediately prior to cutting or treatment being undertaken, and removed off site.
- The Grounds Maintenance Team shall immediately on completion, or at the end of each working day, clear any cuttings, earth or other debris that lands on surrounding hard surfaces as a result of cutting or treatments to grass areas.
- The Grounds Maintenance Team shall exercise every care in carrying out works around flat and protruding obstacles in grass areas. Heavy or vibrating machinery shall avoid driving over manhole and duct covers where possible.
- The Grounds Maintenance Team shall ensure that any arisings or residue from any activity involved in maintaining the grass areas do not enter any water course, drain or sewer.
- Grass shall generally be cut to a consistent height over the specified area.
- Short amenity grassed areas shall be mown to maintain at a consistent height. The cutting season is to extend from the first week of March to the last week of October each year, at least every three weeks.
- Grass shall not be cut in adverse weather and ground conditions. Cutting shall only recommence when it is safe to do so without danger of damaging the sward, surface levels or contours of the ground.
- Where inclement weather conditions delay normal cutting programmes our maintenance contractor will be required to resume work as soon as practically possible and is required to restore works to the specified standard by regular, repeated cutting, as necessary.
- During prolonged dry weather when grass growth is minimal, ensure all bents, flowers and seed heads are removed by rotary mowers.

Grasscrete – Short Mown Amenity Grass Maintenance Schedule

The table below presents management activities in order to meet the aim & objectives outlined above. The management activities are only applicable to the short mown amenity grass within the public open space areas;

Maintenance Operation	Purpose	Timing	Year											
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11+	
Growing Season; To maintain the amenity grass height.	Maintain a close packed sward.	Each Visit March to Oct	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Dormant Season; To maintain amenity grass at a height & trim to re-from edges.	Maintain a close packed sward.	As req. Nov to Feb	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Hard surfaces will be swept to remove grass clippings following each cut.	Maintain appearance	Each Visit	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Over-seed patchy areas; as required.	Maintain a close packed sward.	As req. Sept - Oct.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Undertake inspections of grasscrete structure and pockets and maintain / repair as required.	To maintain a safe surface for maintenance	Each Visit	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

The above maintenance strategy will be continued from Year 11 onwards, in perpetuity for the lifespan of the development;