

## Landscape specification

**Preparatory operations**

Areas to be grassed / turfed and private rear gardens to have a minimum depth of 150mm. Amenity shrub beds and garden hedges to have a minimum depth of 450mm topsoil. Formation to be ripped through to a minimum depth of 300mm, or as necessary to relieve compaction and provide positive drainage, prior to topsoiling. Finished topsoil levels to be 25mm below (for planted areas) and level with (for turfed areas) adjoining paving and kerbs. Topsoil to be 150 mm (min) below dpc of adjoining buildings.

Obtain an independent analysis of existing topsoil in accordance with BS 3882, Annex E, and ameliorate soil in accordance with recommendations. Imported topsoil used to make up any deficit to conform to BS 3882: 2007 'Multipurpose Grade'. Clear weeds by hand weeding. Pernicious weeds to be treated with selective contact herbicide.

**Meadow grass**

Meadow grass areas to be cultivated, graded, and sown with British Seed Houses A4 'Low maintenance mix' (or equal approved). Sow in two transverse operations at the rate of 35 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

Cut the new sward in May / early June to a height of 100mm and repeat monthly throughout the Summer.

**Turf**

Turf to be laid ideally in Spring or Autumn, or may be laid at other times if weather conditions are suitable. Do not lay when persistent cold or drying winds are likely to occur or when soil is frost bound, waterlogged or excessively dry. Cultivate to smooth flowing contours and remove stones over 25mm dia.. Incorporate a slow release pre-seed fertilizer into the top 25mm 3-5 days before turling. Bring to a fine tilth immediately prior to turling.









Turf to be Rolawn 'Medallion' or equal approved and laid within 24 hours of delivery. Turf to be laid from planks and placed with broken joints, well butted up. Do not stretch turf. Edges to be formed with whole turfs, trimmed to a true line. Laid turf to be lightly firmed without using rollers. Fill any joints with fine soil or sandy loam. Completed turf to be thoroughly watered immediately after laying. First cut to take place when grass is reasonably dry and height of initial growth is 40-75 mm. Arisings to be collected and removed from site. Cut and maintain to a height of 25-50mm. Collect and remove arisings from site.

**Planting - general**

Planting to take place at the correct time of year, i.e late October to late March, and when the weather conditions are suitable and the ground is moist and friable. Do not plant when the ground is waterlogged, frozen or snow covered, or during strong winds.

Plants to be true to name and specification, and to the relevant part of BS 3936. Substitutions will not be accepted unless agreed in writing. Plant handling to be to the HTA's Standard 'Handling and establishing landscape plants'. Plants shall be covered during transport. Bulk deliveries shall be in pallets or sealed containers with the plants kept upright and protected to avoid damage.

**LEGEND**

	Existing vegetation retained
	Proposed tree planting
	lawn turfed
	grass (seeded)
	existing hedge to be retained
	Native Beech hedge
	Native mixed species hedge
	amenity planting (wildlife beneficial)

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