

LAND OFF OAKHURST RISE - PROPOSED NEW TREE PLANTING MANAGEMENT PLAN - HEADS OF TERMS

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Description of the project

1.1.1. MHP Design Ltd, Chartered Landscape Architects were instructed by William Morrison (Cheltenham) Ltd. to prepare a heads of terms for a 10 year Landscape and Biodiversity Management Plan relating to the management of proposed trees and hedges associated with the development at Oakhurst Rise. This document outlines both the aims of that management plan and an overview of the suggested contents. It will inform the structure and content of a Landscape Management Plan to be agreed as a planning condition, and form part of a reserved matters application should the application be permitted.

1.1.2. This statement is to be read in conjunction with MHP drawing 19216.101– Land off Oakhurst Rise Landscape Strategy.

1.2. Aims of the Landscape and Biodiversity Management Plan

1.2.1. New tree planting is incorporated into the proposed development within woodland belt to the east, private gardens, parking areas, along site boundaries, within existing copse and within public open space to provide landscape structure and amenity value. The plan broadly focuses on all areas of land ownership and considers the management prescriptions associated with the design of the landscape masterplan.

1.2.2. The central hedge to be retained as part of the development is to be managed long term through selective replanting where existing vulnerable species such as Ash have been identified. Hedge to be maintained, managed and replanted for both aesthetic and habitat purposes, rather than for public amenity access in accordance with details provided within the landscape and biodiversity management plan. It is not envisaged that the hedge be publicly accessible through defensive planting to its boundaries.

1.2.3. The main objectives of this plan can be individually identified as follows:

- To achieve 100% successful establishment of new tree/hedge planting
- Enhance the existing landscape structure with new tree/hedge planting
- Maintain a consistent and high-quality landscape setting
- Maintain a safe and accessible landscape
- Maintain and enhance biodiversity and the diversity of species and habitat in accordance with proposed tree and hedge planting
- Enhance the amenity value on site through additional tree and hedge planting
- Protect existing important onsite trees which are to be retained within development
- Replant areas of existing ash species central hedge where retained
- Translocate trees/shrubs to be removed as part of the development to other areas of the site

1.2.4. The plan will recommend operations, along with annual maintenance schedules that can be used as a checklist of the required maintenance operations in each year covered by the 10-year landscape management plan.

2. LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE PRESCRIPTION

2.1. The management plan will include management prescriptions for all proposed trees. Management prescriptions will include targeted notes on a variety of maintenance operations including:

- Monitoring
- Irrigation
- Feeding
- Management of tree ties and removal of stakes
- Pruning, shaping and thinning
- Replacement of failed planting