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CWL90 - Landscape Management Plan – 12 Month Establishment Period

Project Location: 7 Decoypool Road, St Modwen Park, Newport, South Wales, NP19 4RG

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1. Introduction

This Landscape Management Plan (LMP) outlines the maintenance and management approach for newly planted landscape features associated with the approved development at the above location. The document is intended to support the discharge of the relevant planning condition and ensures that all planting, in particular hedgerow planting, establishes successfully and contributes to the long-term visual and ecological quality of the site.

The plan sets out the requirements for the initial 12-month establishment period following practical completion of the landscape works.

2. Objectives

The primary objectives of this management plan are:

To ensure that all planting becomes successfully established and remains healthy.

To prevent colonisation by invasive weeds and maintain the visual amenity of the site.

To uphold biodiversity value through appropriate maintenance of hedgerow and mulch areas.

To address any plant failures promptly during the 12-month establishment period.



3. Maintenance Regime (12-Month Period)

The following management activities will be undertaken as part of the landscape maintenance contract for a period of 12 months from the date of practical completion:

3.1 Allow Hedge to Establish

Newly planted hedgerows will be left to establish during the initial growing season. No trimming will occur until the plants have achieved sufficient growth to ensure a strong and healthy framework. Protection measures (e.g. rabbit guards or fencing) will be monitored and maintained to prevent browsing or mechanical damage.

Frequency: Ongoing observation throughout the 12 months.

3.2 Trimming of Hedge Line (Once Established)

Once the hedge has achieved a minimum height and density (typically 600mm–800mm), formative trimming will be undertaken to encourage bushy, lateral growth and a structured form. Trimming will avoid the bird nesting season (March–August) and be carried out using clean, sharp tools to prevent plant damage.

Timing: One formative trim during dormant season (November–February), subject to establishment progress.

3.3 Weed Control on Hedge Line

To reduce competition for water and nutrients, and to ensure good presentation, all hedge lines will be kept free from invasive weeds. A selective herbicide (approved for use in proximity to hedgerow plants) will be applied 3 to 4 times per year, avoiding drift onto desirable plants. Spot weeding may also be carried out manually if required.

Frequency: 3–4 applications per year (Spring to Autumn) and as needed.

3.4 Bark Mulch Top-Up

Bark mulch applied during initial planting (minimum 50mm settled depth) will be inspected quarterly and topped up as required to maintain effective weed suppression and moisture retention. Mulch will be kept clear of plant stems to prevent rot.

Frequency: Inspections every 3 months; top-up as required, typically in Spring or Autumn.



3.5 Plant Replacement

Any plants (hedging or otherwise) that die, are diseased, or fail to establish during the 12-month maintenance period will be replaced at the contractor's cost with specimens of the same species and size as originally specified, unless otherwise agreed with the LPA.

Frequency: Inspections every 3 months with replacement during suitable planting season (Oct–Mar).

4. Reporting and Record-Keeping

Maintenance visits and all associated activities (weed control, trimming, replacements, etc.) will be logged by the contractor. These records will be made available to the developer and the Local Planning Authority upon request.

5. Handover and Long-Term Management

At the end of the 12-month period, a final inspection will be undertaken. If the landscape is in good condition and all planting has established successfully, the site will be handed over to the ongoing management regime (either private or adopted as per agreement).

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