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**THE
SPECIFICATION
OF LANDSCAPING
PROPOSALS FOR
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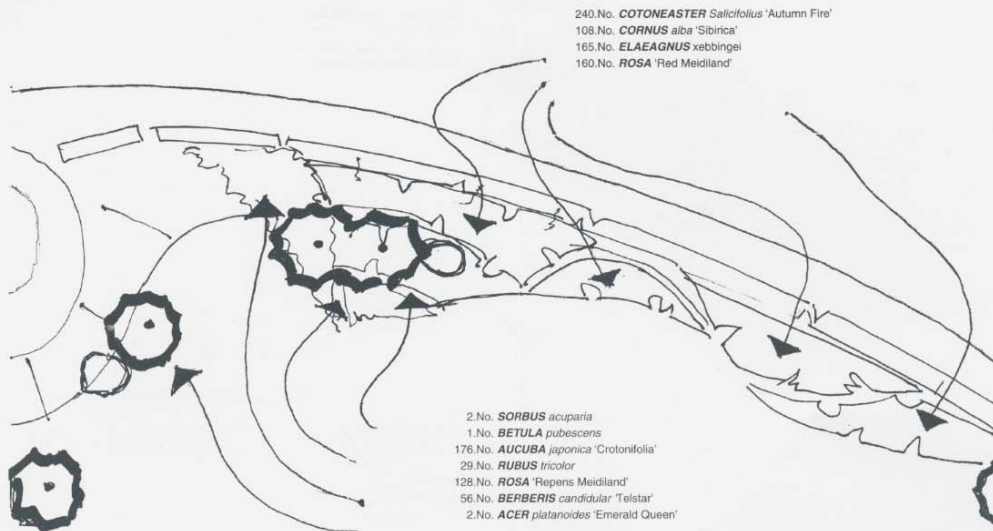
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Landscaping schemes are often important in making development proposals acceptable to the point that a properly specified scheme will often be required as part of any planning consent (e.g. landscaping can be used to screen and/or soften the impact of a development).

Landscaping can be undertaken to a number of different specifications and it is therefore important that full details are included to ensure that the desired effect is achieved when submitting an application or when required by planning conditions. An acceptable specified landscaping scheme should have regard to the following:-

- (i) It should be based on a plan of the site at a specified scale. This plan should also show all existing landscape features on the site and indicate whether they are to be removed, retained or otherwise (eg trees, hedges, dykes).
- (ii) Plant nomenclature should be in accordance with either of the two internationally accepted codes; wild plants are covered by the "International Code of Botanical Nomenclature" whilst cultivated plants are covered by the "International Code of Nomenclature for Cultivated Plants". The recognised standard nomenclature uses latin and describes plants by Genus, Species, Variety, Clone and Cultivar. Whilst many plants can have common names, their use can lead to misunderstandings as one species can have multiple common names. They can, however, be indicated alongside the latin name if desired.
- (iii) Where plants are planted as individuals or small groups their individual positions should be shown on the landscape plan.
- (iv) Where mass shrub planting is proposed it is appropriate that the area for treatment be clearly

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delineated on the landscape plan and the density of planting indicated as either a specified number per square metre or at specified centres. Details of how different species are to be grouped or mixed within the bed should either be indicated on the plan or described as appropriate.

- (v) Where a hedge is proposed, the centre line should be marked on the plan and the number of plants per linear metre and their arrangement should be specified (eg in a double row with staggered centres).



- (vi) The form and size of planting stock should be specified (eg whip, feathered whip, standard etc).
- (vii) Where planting will require the benefit of protection from mammal grazing, this should be specified in the proposals. The type of protection will be dependent upon the nature of the planting proposals and the perceived threat.
- (viii) Where earthworks are proposed, existing and proposed levels plans should be submitted. Where earthworks are significant or extensive this should take the form of existing and proposed plans with contours and spot heights supported by cross-sections, as appropriate.
- (ix) Where ground preparation is necessary/desirable, details of such works should be included in the specification. Similarly details of mulching should be included as appropriate.

If you do not have the necessary landscape and/or forestry expertise, you are advised to seek advice from a person who is suitably qualified.

