



*The purpose of this guidance note is to provide certainty of what level of information is required in a landscape scheme required by a planning condition. The approved plans should have helped establish the scope of landscape proposals in at least an indicative manner; if this is not clear, please contact us before submitting a scheme. Below is a list of the factors that will need to be considered in developing a landscape scheme. Addressing all the relevant headings will enable it to be evaluated promptly, without protracted requests for further information, and if suitable lead to discharge of the condition. See our separate guidance leaflet on landscape practices operating in the Leeds region.*

**PLANS** - All plans should be drawn to a suitable metric scale, with the north-point indicated. Planting plans will be required at 1:200 or 1:100 scale, and construction details at 1:50 – 1:10, as appropriate. Multiple plans should have a cross-reference inset plan and plot numbers added.

## **PLANTING PLAN:**

- **proposed trees**, with positions, species / variety, size when planted, staking method, pit size, grille and guard specification, where required
- **shrub areas**, planting beds, positions of shrub, and herbaceous species / plant handling
- **plant schedule**, with size of plant and container size, variety, specimens / specials, training, density of planting, mix proportions and location key if not shown on plan itself
- **grassed and meadow areas** – levels shown as existing and proposed contours, gradients, seed mix or turf specification;
- **topsoil specification**, depths for all of the above; additives / ameliorants
- **weed control measures** including proposals for maintaining areas prior to planting; residual herbicides, mulch specification and depth
- **protective measures** such as permanent or temporary fencing and shelters from grazing animals/rodents, pedestrian movement & vehicle impact, vandalism, as appropriate
- **slope stabilization methods**
- **management plans** including objectives and aftercare maintenance proposals

## **TREATMENT OF EXISTING TREES:**

- **tree retention and felling plan**; all to be cross-referenced to a tree condition survey
- **protective fencing** during construction (type and positioning)
- **tree surgery proposals**, cross referenced to trees on a plan and any tree survey details

## **HARD LANDSCAPE PLAN:**

- **surfacing materials** and kerbs / edge restraints, with existing and proposed levels
- **boundary treatment**, including walls and fences, retaining walls, internal plot fences
- **utility routes**, including drainage, depth, special measures and any easements
- **special constructions**, e.g. tree pit surrounds, planters, steps, ramps, retaining structures
- **lighting and street furniture**, including protection against vehicle impact, e.g. bollards, tree guards, temporary/permanent fencing, low walls, etc.
- **location** and design of refuse and sub-station storage screens and enclosures