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soft landscape implementation

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top soil

- Site sourced top soil to be used where available plus imported top soil
- Imported top soil to be supplied to BS 3882 standard type to be multipurpose sandy loam
- Top soil analysis and report to be provided for site sourced and imported topsoil in accordance with BS 3882 clause 6 and table 1. Report to include chemical analysis and potential toxic elements.
- Subsoil to be graded to smooth and flowing contours, with compaction avoided, then loosened to a depth of 300mm
- Topsoil subsoil to be graded to smooth and flowing contours
- Topsoil to be spread to 150mm for lawn areas and 450mm for planting beds
- Final cultivation to achieve maximum 10mm particle size for lawn areas and planting beds
- Visible weeds to be removed and roots and large stones with any dimension exceeding 50mm

planting generally

- Planting of deciduous trees and shrubs to be carried out in late October to late march. All other planting to be carried out in September/October or April/May
- Plant handling to CPSE 'Handling and establishing landscape plants'

ornamental planting of shrubs herbaceous plants and bulbs

- Space plants evenly avoiding straight lines except where hedges are indicated otherwise. Density to be as per the planting plan
- Excavate planting pits maximum 1-2 days before planting. Sizes to be wide enough to accommodate the roots when fully spread and 75mm deeper than the root system. Break up bottom of pits to 150mm
- Backfill to be a mixture of site sourced top soil where available plus imported top soil as per specification
- After planting water immediately and lightly firm soil around plants
- Apply top dressing of 50mm depth of Melcourt propagating bark to all planting beds. Water the soil thoroughly before laying

tree planting

- When unloading trees should only be lifted by the rootball or container
- Tree pits to be 500mm wider than and the same depth as the rootball
- Remove any material from the pit that may stop root growth
- Excavate pit bottom with slightly raised centre. Break up base to a depth of 200mm. Scarify the pit sides
- Backfill the tree pits using excavated material from the tree pit, installed to the original soil profile in accordance with BS 8545, plus imported topsoil as per specifications -and lightly firm down
- Root watering system to be Root Rain Metro with 1.75m long perforated pipe, plastic cap and chain