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**Landscape Management and Maintenance Plan – prepared by James Lee
Landscape Design**

Landscape buffer to be planted with 16 *Prunus lusitanica* 'Angustifolia', specified as Standards (i.e. with a single straight stem clear to 1.8m) and an overall height of 3.5-4m (classified as either 18-20cm or 20-25cm sizing).

A suitably qualified landscape contractor will be engaged to prepare the ground for the tree planting working to the following specification:

- Excavate 16 in-ground planting holes: the planting hole should be at least 1.5 times the diameter and no deeper than the root ball, to give the plant a perfect start in the new and final location. When digging the hole keep the topsoil and the sub soil separate so that they can be replaced accordingly. Remove any material from the hole that may prevent root growth, and loosen the bottom and sides of the hole to make it easier for the roots to establish.
- Root balls will vary from 50cm to 80cm according to the size of the tree.
- Allow for supply and import of suitable organic matter to the tree plant pits.
- Tree unloading: trees will be supplied as a mix of WRB & CG stock and should only be lifted by the root ball to avoid damage to the stem and/or tree canopies. Do not remove the hessian and wire wrapping prior to planting. Untie the head of the tree, and gently tease the branches back into position.
- Planting the trees: lower the root ball into the planting hole; plant high to allow for some soil settle, and so that the root ball will not sit lower than the surrounding ground level. Lay a plank over the hole to show the soil level across the tree pit. Ensure that the top of the rootball is raised at least 5cm above the level of the soil.
- Anchoring: supply and install Platypus anchors for each tree based on the following: 16 no. Rootball Fixing Kit - Plati-Mat® - RF1P
- Backfill the hole and firm down the soil, without using compacted or poor quality soil in the hole (replace it with a high quality plant substrate).
- Tree rings: supply and install irrigation tree rings for each of the 16 trees
- Watering in: after planting, create a crater of soil above the rootball, roughly 15cm tall and slightly narrower than the rootball circumference to help funnel water into the root ball.

Contractors to be appointed to hand water the trees during the tree establishment.

The trees are unlikely to need any formative pruning in the first two years after planting.

Trees to be pruned every 2-3 years to ensure that the growth is managed following establishment.