OUTLINE SPECIFICATION NOTES FOR PLANTING BED SOIL SYSTEMS FOR PLANTING PIT/TRENCH

General Notes: All landscape works to be undertaken by a suitably qualified and experienced landscape contractor.

Additional Information: These drawings are to be read in conjunction with the following documents:

- Scheme Design Drawings
- Utility Service Providers Drawings & Existing Surveys (Topographical & GPR)

Existing Services

Due to the nature of this project there may be various services and utilities located in each proposed planting pit/trench. These services are **LIVE** and of various diameter, depth and composition. The potential utilities located in each planting pit/trench are generally, but not limited to the following services;

- Telecommunications / Eir/ Virgin Media
- Drainage (Foul and Surface Water)
- Public lighting / ESB / Electrical
- Gas

1. All existing services are to be uncovered, completely exposed and identified prior to excavation. All existing services are to be protected during excavation and installation of the planting pit/trench structure and backfill soils. Temporary support to exposed ductwork/installations for the duration of the pit/trench construction is to be provided as per Engineer's requirements.
2. The geotextile lining the planting pit/trench will require to be carefully cut to allow the services to penetrate into the pit/trench. This opening in the geotextile should be no more than 50mm wider than the diameter of the duct. Cable ties should be used to ensure the opening is closed off and sealed.
3. Services running through the pit should be wrapped in a root barrier root barrier (ReRoot 2000 2mm by GreenBlue Urban or equivalent approved). This root barrier should be secured to the ductwork with suitable cable ties. Where applicable and where it is possible, multiple ducts should be wrapped together to prevent ducts becoming pushed apart.
4. The backfill material/growing medium (soil) should be carefully placed around the ducting by hand, in unison with backfilling the pit/trench.
5. A photographic record of the services should be documented and presented to the Landscape Architect upon completion of the pit/trench.
6. Any damage to existing services or utilities should be notified immediately to the Employer's Representative.
7. Services located within the working space adjacent to the planting pit should be reinstated as per typical detail indicated above. For specific installation of various services and diameters of ducting inc. backfill requirements please refer to Scheme Design drawings and specifications.
8. Where existing services are located within the 260mm drainage layer of the proposed planting pit/trench, provide cover in accordance with the relevant service provider's requirements.
9. The Contractors attention is drawn to the existing Site Survey Information.

PLANTING PIT/TRENCH REQUIREMENTS

Contractor Requirements: The contractor is required to give the Employer's Representative **ONE WEEK/FIVE WORKING DAYS** written notice of planting pit/trench construction/installation and planting, in order to allow the Project Landscape Architect to be in attendance on site.

Furthermore, the contractor is required to produce and retain for inspection by the Employer's Representative delivery dockets for the supply of materials associated with these planting pits' construction. Each docket will clearly set out the quantities delivered and the source or supplier of the material.

Operations/Construction stages which require observation/inspection from the Project Landscape Architect are the following;

- Pit excavation
- Installation of drainage layer & pipe-work
- Works to existing services & utilities
- Installation of proposed kerbs
- Growing medium backfilling
- Planting including initial watering

A photographic record will be required to be produced by the Contractor for each stage of the trench and planting pit construction. A digital copy of this will be required to be issued to the Employer's Representative within one week of the pit/trench completion.

In the event that adequate notice is not given or works are carried out without inspection the Client reserves the right to have the works opened up with any cost attributed to the contractor.

NOTES ON INSTALLATION

Planting Pit/Trench Construction

1. Site Preparation;

1.1 Existing Paving slabs to be lifted and removed off site.

2. Excavate pit/trench to required dimensions. Contractor to allow sufficient working space to perimeter of planting pit/trench structure and that sufficient space is allowed to install plants. Contractor to allow for hand excavation around existing services.
3. All existing services to be uncovered prior to excavation by machine. Existing services to be fully protected during excavation. Temporary support to be provided as per Engineer's requirements.
4. Sub-base to be left level after excavation, ready to receive a drainage layer of min. 260mm deep clean angular stone to be placed under the footprint of the planting pit. A 60mm Ø perforated aeration pipe should be installed to run the length of the planting pit/trench. This pipe should be brought to the surface with min. two no. vertical pipes to enable access for cleaning.
5. Note; where services are running through the planting pit/trench, every effort should be made to ensure the services are running through the minimum amount of the planting pit. Allow for any and all services to be wrapped in protective root barrier geotextile.
6. The geotextile lining is to be installed to the entire perimeter with a minimum of 500mm overlap. Penetrations for services should be carefully made through the geotextile. All penetrations should be sealed with cable ties where possible.
7. The proposed soil, as per the specifications, should be loaded into the planting pit by hand and not with a mechanical excavator. Light compaction should occur by tapping the soil with the back of a shovel etc. If practically possible, the soil should be allowed to settle prior to planting.

Initial Maintenance: Ensure all inlets/vent covers, pipes, adjacent paving, retaining edges or kerbs and plants are free from debris and are installed correctly. Any damage should be brought to the attention of the Project Landscape Architect immediately.

GENERAL SOILS SPECIFICATION NOTES FOR HEDGE TRENCH

Plant Available Nutrient Values - Average Values

1. Total Nitrogen:	>0.290 %w/w
2. Available Phosphorous:	25 - 125 mg/L
3. Available Potassium:	300 - 1,000 mg/L
4. Available Magnesium:	120 - 500 mg/L
5. Available Calcium:	>1,200 mg/L
6. Available Copper EDTA :	7 mg/L
7. Available Zinc EDTA:	10 mg/L
8. Available Sodium:	88 mg/L
9. Available Sulphate:	630 mg/L
10. Hot Water-Soluble Boron:	1.3 mg/L
11. Organic Matter (LOI):	5 - 15 %w/w
12. pH Value:	6 - 8.5
13. Carbon: Nitrogen Ratio:	7-18: 1
14. Bulk Density:	800 - 1,100 g/L

HEDGE TRENCH BACKFILL SOIL - Manufactured to B.S. 3882:2015

Key Components

1. Material: Topsoil, peat-free compost, horticultural grit and Sand	
2. Purity: Free from physical & chemical containments & pathogens.	
3. Size Distribution:	100% passing through 25mm screen.
	50% passing through 10mm screen
4. Soil Texture:	Clay (<0.002mm) 5-18 %
	Silt (0.002-0.05mm) 0-25 %
	Sand (0.05-2.0mm) 65-85%
5. Stone Content:	%DW (2-20mm) < 10%
	%DW (20-50mm) <3%
6. Moisture Content:	%12 - 30%
7. Conductivity:	<3300 µS/cm

TRENCH BACKFILL SUB-SOIL - Manufactured to B.S. BS8601:2013 soil standard

Key Components

1. Material: Subsoil consisting of aggregate mineral, organic and inorganic components.
2. Particle Size: Materials screened to ensure no metal or sharps content. Particle size in the range 0 -50mm.

3. Textural Class:	Sandy Clay Loam
4. Moisture Content:	5-15%
5. Organic Matter:	1.5-5%
6. pH Value:	6.5 - 8.5
7. Conductivity:	<500 µS/cm

Naturalised bulbs in planter bed and in strip of limited excavation depth over underground gas services route — **10 m² area**

NB Scatter the bulbs across the planting area and plant each where it lands, using a sturdy trowel or bulb planting to dig to the recommended depth for the plant. Cover with soil and gently firm around to fill any pockets of air. If planting a large group lift turf and plant underneath. Bulbs to be planted in single species groups of approx 7, 9, 11 etc.

10	*Allium* 'Mont Blanc'	Grade 5/6	planted at 10/m²
10	*Nerine bowdenii* (Jersey lily)	Grade 5/6	planted at 10/m²
10	*Viola riviniana* (Dog Violet, native)	Grade 5/6	planted at 10/m²
10	*Hyacinthoides non-scripta* (Bluebell, native)	Grade 5/6	planted at 10/m²
10	*Eremerus x isabellina* 'Cleopatra' (Foxtail Lily)	Grade 5/6	planted at 10/m²
10	*Allium* 'Purple Sensation'	Grade 5/6	planted at 10/m²
10	*Galanthus nivalis* (Snowdrop, native)	Grade 5/6	planted at 10/m²

Notes Timescale for Implementation of Soft Landscape Works

Any subsoil and/or topsoil stripping and storage shall be done prior to commencement of construction of roads, buildings, services, etc. No works in
Exact dates for completion of works will be finalised after the award of the construction programme. The construction of hardworks shall be carried out
All excavation, back-filling and top-soiling works to be completed when appropriate during the works programme. Topsoiling shall be carried out in
Planting is best done between October and April (the planting season), and all soft landscape works should be completed during the next planting
Landscape work shall take place in the appropriate season and only when the conditions are suitable, i.e. it is dull, moist and mild, without undue risk
All trees to have been grown in Ireland for at least two planting seasons to ensure hardiness and suitability to climate.
Bare-root and root-balled trees, transplants and shrubs are only available in autumn and winter. Planting of bare-root and root-balled stock shall take
Container-grown stock and grass seeding shall be carried out in the appropriate weather conditions following completion of topsoil works. Container-
Apply fertiliser a season after planting if the soil is poor or if a boost to growth is required.
Inspect tree ties in spring and autumn and adjust tree ties to prevent constriction of the stem. After two growing seasons the tree should make
If exceptional weather conditions occur after planting, e.g. heavy frosts, measures shall be taken as approved by the Landscape Architect.
The Landscape Contractor shall execute his works in conformity with a programme to be agreed with the Landscape Architect and shall include in his

Abbrevations:

xtr.	number of transplants in	wrb.	wire root-balled
m.	metre	cmg.	girth of tree in centimeters measured 1m above ground
ht.	height	2ltr cg.	plants supplied in 2 litre volume containers
s.	spread	cvs.	cultivated varieties
br	bare-root transplant	subsp.	subspecies
cg	container-grown		

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NOTES:
All dimensions are in millimeters unless otherwise stated and shall be checked and confirmed by the contractor on site. Any discrepancies shall be immediately reported to the landscape architects. Work to figured dimensions only - Do not scale from drawing. Do Not Scale. Not for Construction Purposes unless Specifically Marked.