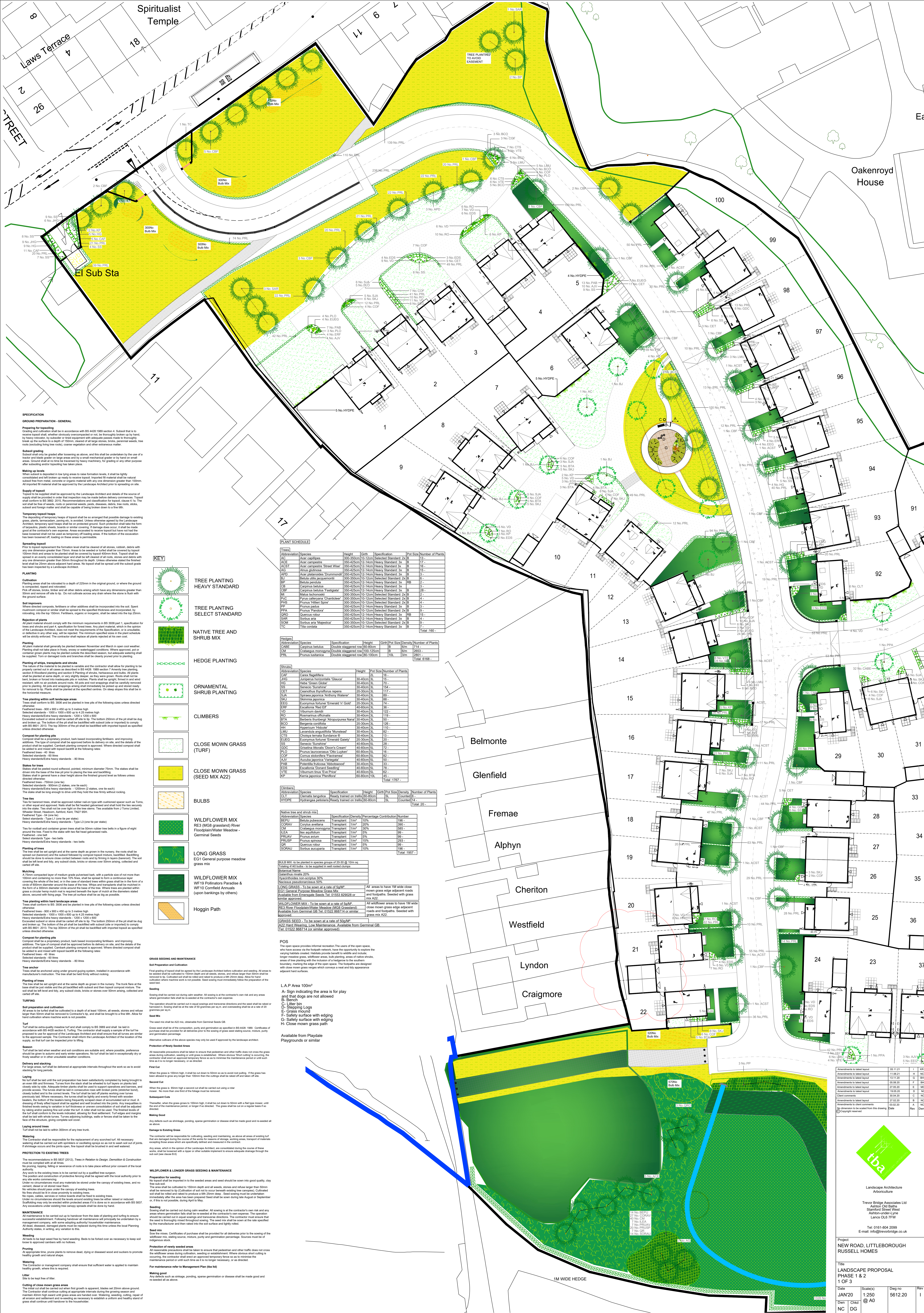




**SPECIFICATION**  
**GROUND PREPARATION - GENERAL**

**Preparing for topsoil**  
Grading and topsoil shall be in accordance with BS 4285:1989 section 4. Subsoil that is to receive topsoil shall, whether obviously overcompacted or not, be thoroughly broken up by hand, by heavy machinery, by subsoiler or by deep ripping with suitable blade spacing made for thorough break up the surface to a depth of 150mm, cleared of all large stones, bricks, general weeds, tree roots (including living tree roots), coarse vegetation and other extraneous matter.

**Subsoil grading**  
Subsoil shall be graded after loosening as above, and this shall be undertaken by the use of a motor and blade grader on large areas and by a small mechanical grader or by hand on small areas. Ground shall not be reworked by heavy machinery, for grading or any other purpose after subsoiling and/or topsoiling has been placed.

**Making up levels**  
Where a level is to be deposited in the lying areas to the formation levels, it shall be lightly consolidated and left broken up ready to receive topsoil. Imported fill material shall be natural material from the main, consist of organic material with one stone per cubic meter than 100mm. All imported fill material shall be approved by the Landscape Architect prior to spreading on site.

**Supply of topsoil**  
Topsoil to be supplied shall be approved by the Landscape Architect and details of the source of supply shall be provided in order that inspection may be made before delivery commences. Topsoil shall conform to BS 3082:2015. Recommendations and classification for topsoil, clause 4. The soil shall be free of weeds, roots or perennial weeds, pests, diseases, debris, tree roots, sticks, animal and foreign matter and shall be capable of being broken down to a fine silts.

**Temporary topsoil heaps**  
Where a level is to be deposited in the lying areas of topsoil shall be arranged that possible damage to existing grass, plants, transportation, paving etc. is avoided. Unless otherwise agreed by the Landscape Architect, temporary topsoil heaps shall be contained ground. Such protection shall be the form of tarpaulins, plastic sheaths, boards or similar covering. If damage does occur, it shall be made good at the contractor's own expense. Areas excavated to receive topsoil but have not had the base loosened shall not be used as temporary off loading areas. If the bottom of the excavation has been loosened off, loading on these areas is permissible.

**Spreading topsoil**  
Prior to topsoil replacement the formation level shall be cleared of all stones, rubbish, debris with any one dimension greater than 75mm. Areas to be seeded or turfed shall be covered by topsoil 100mm thick and areas to be planted shall be covered by topsoil 400mm thick. Topsoil shall be spread in an evenly consolidated layer and shall be left exposed to all winds, storms and direct steady rain. Topsoil shall be spread in a layer of 100mm and shall be broken down to a fine silts. The soil shall be 20mm above adjacent turf areas. No topsoil shall be spread until the adjacent grade has been inspected by a Landscape Architect.

**PLANTING**

**Cultivation**  
Planting areas shall be cultivated to a depth of 225mm in the original ground, or where the ground is compacted, topsoil and subsoil.

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**KEY**

**TREE PLANTING**

**SELECT STANDARD**

**NATIVE TREE AND SHRUB MIX**

**HEDGE PLANTING**

**ORNAMENTAL SHRUB PLANTING**

**CLIMBERS**

**CLOSE MOWN GRASS (TURF)**

**CLOSE MOWN GRASS (SEED MIX A22)**

**BULBS**

**WILDFLOWER MIX**

**LONG GRASS**

**WILDFLOWER MIX**

**Hoggin Path**

**PLANT SCHEDULE**

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