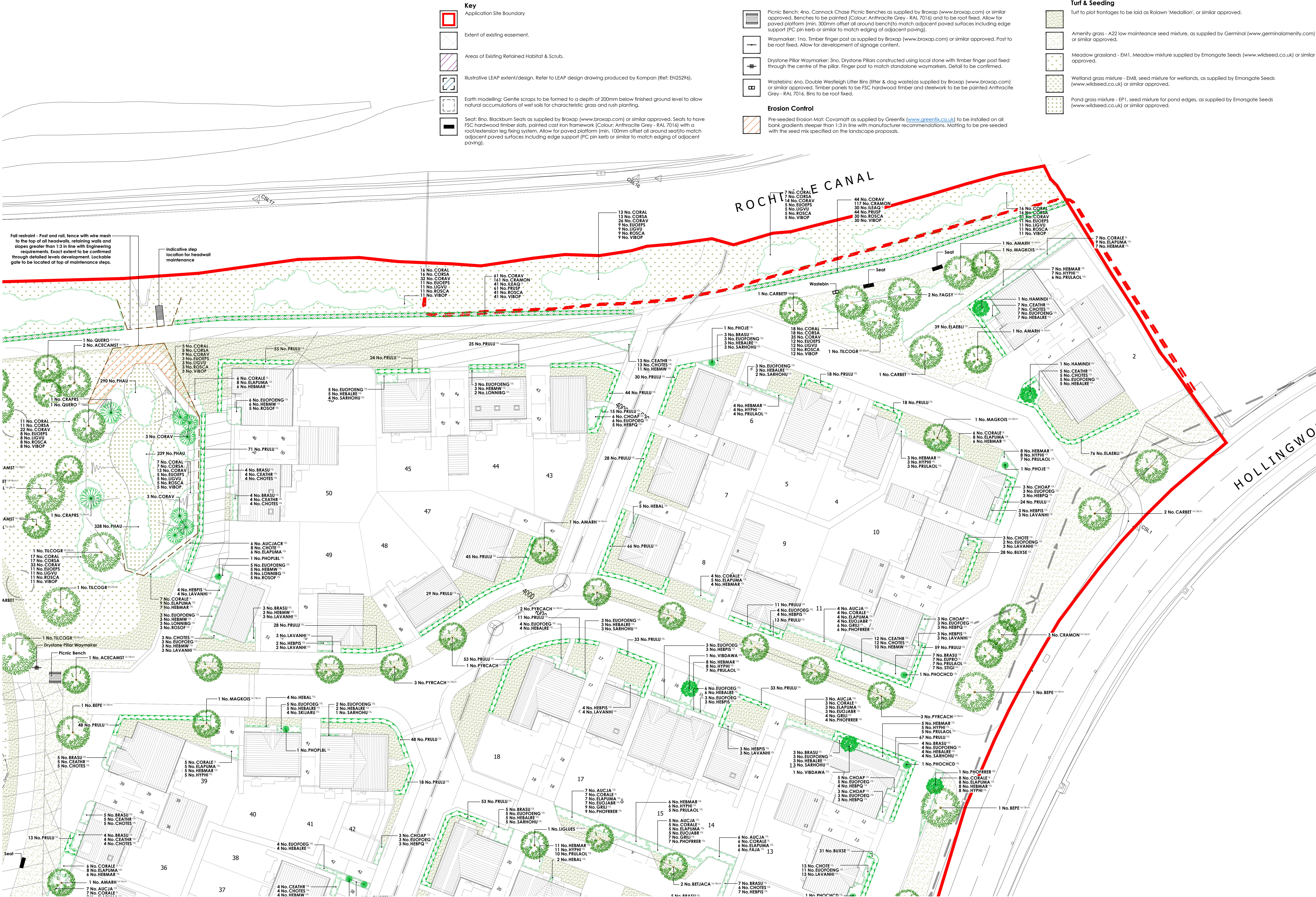




Specification Notes:

All plants shall conform to BS 3934 and be in accordance with the National Plant Specification. Supplying nurseries should be Registered under the HFA Nursery Certification Scheme. All plants shall be packed and transported in accordance with the Code of Practice for Plant Handling as produced by CPRE.

No species, variety, size or position to be amended without the Landscape Architects prior approval.

If the formation level is compacted it should be ripped through before topsoiling. Topsoil depths to be 300mm for shrub beds and 150mm for grass areas.

All landscape proposals must be referred to by the Structural Engineer during foundation design.

All planting has been indicated making every effort to avoid conflict with highway land. Prior to submission it is the client's responsibility to ensure that all landscaping is reviewed by the project manager/highway engineer to ensure there is no conflict with highway land and future adaptations.

Before trees are planted, the Landscape Contractor shall ascertain the location of drains from the site manager, and shall if necessary make minor adjustments to tree positions to ensure that they are planted at least 1.5m from drains. They should however be planted no closer to houses/garages than is shown on the drawing, and if shown located in shrub beds, the shape of the latter should be adjusted if necessary to accommodate the revised tree position.

If planting conditions are particularly poor e.g. waterlogged/frozen ground or poor soils, the Site Manager must be notified. All works will halt until conditions are considered acceptable.

All planting must be mulched to a depth of 75mm and in accordance with horticultural best practice guidelines ensuring plants are not buried.

All bare root stock shall be root dipped in an approved water-retaining polymer. If planting is required outside the October-March season, bare root trees will be replaced by a containerised equivalent to be approved by the project landscape architect.

Planting in pedestrian visibility plays: Any planting stock specified in pedestrian visibility plays and exceeding 0.6m in height to be cut down to 0.45m in height at the time of planting. It shall be maintained at a height not exceeding 0.6m in height in perpetuity.

Trees: All tree locations and species must be taken into consideration by the project Structural Engineer to ensure that foundation design accords with the specifications set out under Chapter 4.2 of the NHC Standards. It is the Contractor's responsibility to ensure that all underground services have been located and identified in advance of free pit excavation. No tree species/location/specification will be amended without prior approval from the project Landscape Architect and/or the Client. Root barriers are to be provided as directed by the project engineer. All trees to be supplied with a minimum 1.8m clear stem unless clearly stated otherwise.

Specimen Shrubs: All specimen shrubs to be planted in accordance with horticultural best practice guidelines. No feature shrub or climber species, size or location should be altered without prior approval from the Landscape Architect. Planting beds to be mulched with 75mm layer of bark.

Hedgerows: All ornamental hedgerow shrubs to be planted in accordance with horticultural best practice guidelines. No hedgerow shrub species, size or location should be altered without prior approval from the Landscape Architect. Planting beds to be mulched with 75mm layer of bark.

Native Hedgerows (transplants): All native hedgerow shrubs to be planted in accordance with horticultural best practice guidelines. The landscape proposals must be referred to by the Structural Engineer during foundation design. No hedgerow shrub species, size or location should be altered without prior approval from the Landscape Architect. Hedgerow shrubs to be planted on a double staggered row at 400mm centres, 300mm apart with no less than 4 per linear metre. Individual species to be planted in groups of 9/18 within the bed. Ground to be cleared, removing all weeds and other debris in advance of planting and cultivated to a fine tilth. If required suitable soil conditions, such as mushroom compost, should be incorporated. Transplanted stock to be planted into an appropriate sized pit or notch and protected using bio-degradable spiral guards (Rainbow Bio-spiral) secured with a 15mm diameter min. bamboo can inserted inside the guard and up a third in its length into the ground. Shrubs are to be planted using a bio-degradable tree shelter (GreenGuard Biodegradable Tree Shelter Guard) and timber stake using natural flare ties (Hidcotel Natural Tree Tie) fitted in accordance with the manufacturers guidelines. Following planting the ground is to be watered to field capacity. Planting beds to be mulched with 75mm layer of bark. Guards and shelters to be supplied Green Tech (www.green-tech.co.uk) or similar.

Amenity Turf & Seeding: All turf and seeding to be completed in line with horticultural best practice. Seed to be applied at the rates (g/m²) advised by manufacturer/supplier. Prior to seeding, ground shall be cultivated to a fine tilth incorporating 150mm of topsoil to finished formation level. All areas shall be free of weed growth prior to turfing/seeding.

Meadow Grassland:

All turf and seeding to be completed in line with horticultural best practice. Seed to be applied at the rates (g/m²) advised by manufacturer/supplier. Prior to seeding, all areas shall be stripped of topsoil to provide a nutrient-poor subsoil for meadow establishment. Where ground requires additional soil fill to meet finished formation levels this shall be made up using site-won subsoil. Subsoil shall be cultivated to a suitable tilth and be free of weed growth prior to seeding.

Shrubs & herbaceous: All ornamental and amenity shrubs to be planted in accordance with horticultural best practice guidelines. No shrub species, size or location should be altered without prior approval from the Landscape Architect. Individual species to be planted in groups of 3/7 within mixed species beds. Planting beds to be mulched with 75mm layer of bark.

Native Shrubs: All shrubs to be planted in accordance with horticultural best practice guidelines. The landscape proposals must be referred to by the Structural Engineer during foundation design. No shrub species, size or location should be altered without prior approval from the Landscape Architect. Individual species to be planted in groups of 9/18 within the bed. Ground to be cleared, removing all weeds and other debris in advance of planting and cultivated to a fine tilth. If required suitable soil conditions, such as mushroom compost, should be incorporated. Transplanted stock to be planted into an appropriate sized pit or notch and protected using bio-degradable spiral guards (Rainbow Bio-spiral) secured with a 15mm diameter min. bamboo can inserted inside the guard and up a third in its length into the ground. Shrubs are to be planted using a bio-degradable tree shelter (GreenGuard Biodegradable Tree Shelter Guard) and timber stake using natural flare ties (Hidcotel Natural Tree Tie) fitted in accordance with the manufacturers guidelines. Following planting the ground is to be watered to field capacity. Planting beds to be mulched with 75mm layer of bark. Guards and shelters to be supplied Green Tech (www.green-tech.co.uk) or similar.

Upland Rush & Grass Species: All marginalia to be planted in accordance with horticultural best practice guidelines. No marginalia species, size or location should be altered without prior approval from the Landscape Architect. Individual species to be planted in groups of 12/21.

