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Introduction

Following submission of Brooks Ecological's previous advice note (EN-8585-01), the client has requested further advice regarding planting to replace the loss of trees on Site and to address comments from the LPA, as per the below:

'The development will have direct impacts on a small area of woodland and will require the removal of several trees. However, the woodland is not considered to be a high value example of a broadleaved woodland and the trees and as such removal of a small parcel to facilitate construction of the telecoms tower would only be considered to have impacts at a small, site level scale only. None of the trees to be removed merit special protection. Notwithstanding the relatively small scale of impacts, compensation should nevertheless be provided for tree and woodland losses. I could not find any proposals within the application documentation for post-development landscaping or replacement tree / shrub planting. This information should be required.'

Arbtech's reports AMS-01 and TSR-01, describe the trees to be lost in details this comprises of 5 trees (T9, T10, T11, T12 and T15) and partial removal of one tree group (G01). The details are provided as excerpts from the reports below.

Table 6: Summary of tree works

Tree Number	Species	Works	Category
G01	Poplar, Birch, Oak, Hazel, Holly	Partial removal of group: Fell trees to ground level; grind out stumps.	C2
T09	Poplar	Fell tree to ground level; grind out stump.	C1
T10	Poplar	Fell tree to ground level; grind out stump.	C1
T11*	Birch	Fell tree to ground level; grind out stump.	C1
T12*	Poplar	Fell tree to ground level; grind out stump.	U
T15	Poplar	Fell tree to ground level; grind out stump.	U

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Tree No.	Species	Ht. (m)	Trunk Diam. (mm)	Crown Spread (m)				Crown Clear. (m)				Age Class	Phys. Cond.	Struct. Cond.	Comments	Est. Rem. Cont. (years)	Cat.
				N	E	S	W	N	E	S	W						
T9	Poplar	27	330	2	2	1	1	12	12	12	12	SM	Good	Fair	Very slender phototrophic form with small high crown	10+	C1
T10	Poplar	27	310	2	2	2	2	12	12	12	12	SM	Good	Fair	Very slender phototrophic form with small high crown	10+	C1
T11*	Birch	15	270	1	2	3	2	4	4	4	4	SM	Fair	Fair	Heavily suppressed by adjacent larger trees with small crown. Reduced crown density/vitality. Minor deadwood throughout.	10+	C1
T12*	Poplar	27	390 250	4	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	SM	Fair	Fair	Suppressed by adjacent larger trees. Slender phototrophic form. Reduced vitality. Bifurcated at 1.25m with small open cavity within union. No SULE.	10+	U
T15	Poplar	26	300	2	3	1	0	9	9	9	9	SM	Poor	Fair	Poor vitality. Suppressed asymmetric crown due to proximity of adjacent trees. Large historic basal tear out wound - percussion test indicates significant decay. No SULE.	10+	U
G1	Poplar, Birch, Oak, Hazel, Holly	7 to 18	180	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	Y to SM	Good to Poor	Good to Poor	Suppressed understory group. Slender phototrophic form with small, suppressed crowns. Standing deadwood throughout. Dense and scrubby.	10+	C2

Proposed planting

Rochdale Core Policy G6 on enhancing green infrastructure stipulates removed trees should be re-planted at a ratio of 1:2. Given the area for the development proposals is small and details the number of trees to be removed at 5 individual specimens it is proposed at least 10 new trees should be planted to replace those lost.

Tree species lost are given as poplar species and birch. The landowners have requested the following species are used as replacement planting, all of which are native specimens.

Scientific name	English name	Numbers	Stock
Sorbus aucuparia	Rowan / mountain ash	4	Select Standard, Girth: 12-14cm
Sorbus aria	Whitebeam	3	Select Standard, Girth: 12-14cm
Acer campestre	Field Maple	3	Select Standard, Girth: 12-14cm

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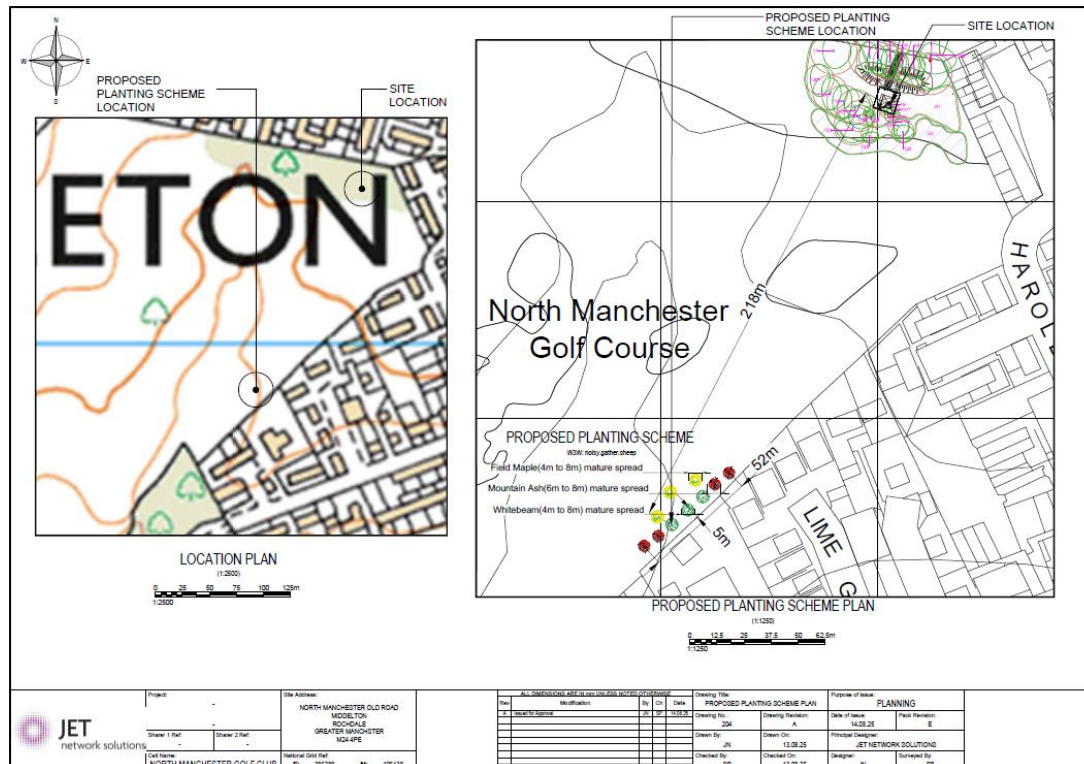
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The client has identified the below location for replacement planting, this being the nearest suitable and available place for tree planting, located c. 200m southwest of the application site boundary. It is linked by existing tree planting woodland belts to the development site location.

Figure 1 Proposed planting plan and locations, jet drawing number 204, Rev A.



Maintenance and Aftercare

Remove soil and arisings from grassed areas. Generally, leave the works in a clean, tidy condition at completion and after any maintenance operations.

Maintain weed free area around each tree and shrub. Take care not to reduce depth or effect of mulch. Gently firm loosened soil around trees/ shrubs. Straighten leaning trees/ shrubs. Tighten and straighten stakes if required. All planting shall be maintained in good order throughout the initial establishment period. All arisings are to be removed. Spot treat persistent weeds with glyphosate. All stock shall be watered in during periods of drought. At the end of the growing season each plant shall receive an application of slow release fertiliser.

Plants/ trees/ shrubs that have failed to thrive unless due to theft or malicious damage within the 12-month period from the date of practical completion will be replaced with equivalent plants/ trees/ shrubs to match the original specification. Mulch shall be topped up to 50mm depth.

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