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Introduction

Following submission of Brooks Ecological's Preliminary Ecological Appraisal at Bamford Cricket Club (ER-8750-01), the client has requested further advice regarding replacement planting to offset the loss of a small area of scrub to development.

The development plot is shown below within the red line boundary, currently supporting a small area c. 100m² of blackthorn and willow scrub deemed to be of limited ecological value due to its limited species diversity and ubiquitous nature.

To replace the lost area an equivalent sized area of planting is proposed below. It is proposed this area is planted with a more diverse array of native scrub species which will be of greater benefit to site ecology whilst also reflecting adjacent habitats. The proposed area is shown below in the blue line currently centred on an area of poor ecological value, dominated by well maintained amenity grass.

Figure 1 Proposed planting area, in context of Site development area



Figure 2 Looking east across blue line area, towards proposed red line



Proposed planting

The areas lost are dominated by blackthorn and goat willow, planting a more diverse array of native species will be more beneficial to Site ecology, providing a wider array of invertebrate foods and shelter opportunities, in turn supporting a wider range of fauna.

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Mixed Scrub Planting Regime					
Scientific	English	%	Stock	Groupings	Centres and style
<i>Corylus avellana</i>	Hazel	25	1+1 BR	groups 3-5	1m to 3m naturalistic
<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	Blackthorn	15	1+1 BR	groups 3-5	1m to 3m naturalistic
<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	Holly	5	1ltr Pot	Scattered individuals	1m to 3m naturalistic
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn	20	1+1 BR	groups 3-5	1m to 3m naturalistic
<i>Rosa canina</i>	Dog Rose	10	1+1 BR	Scattered individuals	1m to 3m naturalistic
<i>Malus sylvestris</i>	Crab apple	5	1+1 BR	Scattered individuals	1m to 3m naturalistic
<i>Viburnum opulus</i>	Guelder Rose	5	1+1 BR	Scattered individuals	1m to 3m naturalistic
<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>	Rowan	10	1+1 BR	Scattered individuals	1m to 3m naturalistic
<i>Salix caprea</i>	Goat willow	5	1+1 BR	Scattered individuals	1m to 3m naturalistic

Maintenance and Aftercare

Year 1-2

Check shelters are fitted properly, stakes are firm and ties in place. Hand weed grasses and weeds in shelters if present. Replace failures next growing season. Monitor for competitive weed growth away from planting stations. Spray or weed wipe as required to keep cover to less than 10%.

Year 3-5

Remove planting guards/ stakes before year 5. Monitor for competitive weed growth, spray or weed wipe as required to keep cover to less than 10%.

Year 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30+

To promote some continued openness and varied planting densities, thin/ coppice by 10%, leave felled timber in situ to rot down.

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