# CONDITION 4 - Proposed Landscaping

**Section A on the landscaping plan**

**There will be a mix of tree species within the copse areas marked 'A'** on the Landscaping Plan.

An even mix of the following trees are proposed:

Sessile Oak

Scotts Pine

Field Maple

Rowan

Spacing

Random spacing of 3-4m apart, not in rows.

These will be planted as bareroot whips 80-120cm, in the first planting season following commencement of the development.

Each tree staked and tied to ensure they stay upright.

Tree maintenance

Prune as necessary to maintain good shape and to avoid disease or low canopies.

Loosen the ties as necessary when they grow.

Check plants regularly and resetting them to upright if suffering from wind rock, pruning back any damaged growth, checking and replacing tree stakes and ties.

**Section B on the Landscaping Plan**

**Hedgerow planting is indicated as letter B** on the Landscaping Plan. We propose native mixed hedgerows to be planted in 2 rows approximately 30cm apart with the rows off-set (staggered) from each other. The proposal is for 4-5 plants per linear metre. These include:

Hawthorn (Crataegus Monogyna) 60%

Blackthorn (Prunus Spinosa) 20%

English Holly (Ilex Aquifolium) 5%

Dog Rose (Rosa Canina) 5%

Hazel (Corylus Avellana) 10%

Hedgerow Maintenance

Years 2-5 trim any wayward growth to encourage denser growth habit; years 5-10 trim annually to ensure a dense, neat shape. Ongoing trim every 2 or 3 years alternate hedgerows to allow plants to fruit.

Trees and hedgerows shall be watered if drought conditions occur. Any plants which die or become seriously diseased within the first 5 years after planting shall be replaced with plants of a similar (native hedgerow) species, during winter.

## CONDITION 5 - Bird Boxes:

We have proposed 2 House Sparrow nest boxes positioned close up under the eaves, facing in the range from north to east to avoid strong sunlight and prevailing weather.

For the Barn Owl box, we propose to place the box on the exterior of the east gable of the building, but away from the main entrance door to prevent disturbance of the barn owls when the door is opened and closed.

Positioning the Barn Owl box on the inside of the building has been discounted due to the expectation that the external doors will remain closed most of the time, along with the level of disturbance expected from the use of the inside of the building.

The positions of both bird nest boxes are shown on the plans included with this application for Approval of Details reserved by Condition.