SPECIFICATION
Planting to provide a new hedge along both the North and West sides of the building

Species composition will be as follows:
70% Hawthorn (Crataegus monogyna)
10% Blackthorn (Prunus spinosa)
10% Hazel -Corylus avellana
5% Holly (Ilex Aquifolium)
5% Dog Rose (Rosa canina)

In order to ensure the hedge will establish well the planting specification will be as follows:
Trench – 500-600mm wide by 400-500mm deep dug. Sides and base aerated.
Trench half filled with well rotted Farm Yard Manure and back filled with spoil.
Growth rates and survival of whips is dramatically improved where this preparation is undertaken.
Plants – Hedge plants should be 40-60cm transplants of locally common native species and of British provenance (preferably local) and should comply to British Standard 3936.
Planting – The planting shall be carried out between December and March. Whips will be notch planted 60cm between plants in the row.

A one metre wide weed free strip will be maintained for at least two years after planting.

Once planted protect on both sides with stock fencing topped with two strands of barbed wire or an electric fence to prevent browsing damage by livestock and to prevent damage to whips by other means.
The fence will be placed 1 metre from the base of the whips which will allow protection and space to grow.
Two years after planting the hedgerow will be inspected and any dead or diseased whips will be replaced to ensure that a continuous hedge is established.

TOPSOIL GENERALLY
Where possible use in situ soils. Site soils should be protected, managed and handled in accordance with the Construction Code of Practice for the Sustainable Use of Soils on Construction Sites.
Select and use plant to minimise disturbance, trafficking and compaction. Do not contaminate with subsoil, stone, hardcore, rubbish or material from demolition work. Handle topsoil in the driest conditions possible.
Do not handle during or after heavy rainfall or when it is wetter than the plastic limit as defined by BS 3882, Annex N2.

Testing is recommended to establish soil texture, organic matter content, nutrient availability and the presence of any contaminants. Analysis should be used to determine if amelioration is required to promote health growth.

All trees and shrubs shall conform to the specification for nursery stock as set out in the National Plant Specification where it applies to trees, shrubs and plant handling and establishment and British Standard 3936 Parts 1 (1992) and 4 (1984).

Plants shall have been grown in a suitable environment and hardened off.
The root system shall be to the requirements of the National Plant Specification containing a fully fibrous and balanced, branched system.
Containerized or container grown trees must be free from circling or girdled roots – these should be rejected if apparent.

Native species specified shall be of local provenance and preferably from seed collected from semi-natural parent trees within the appropriate region of provenance zone as set out in the Forestry Commission Practice Note "using local stock for planting native trees and shrubs".

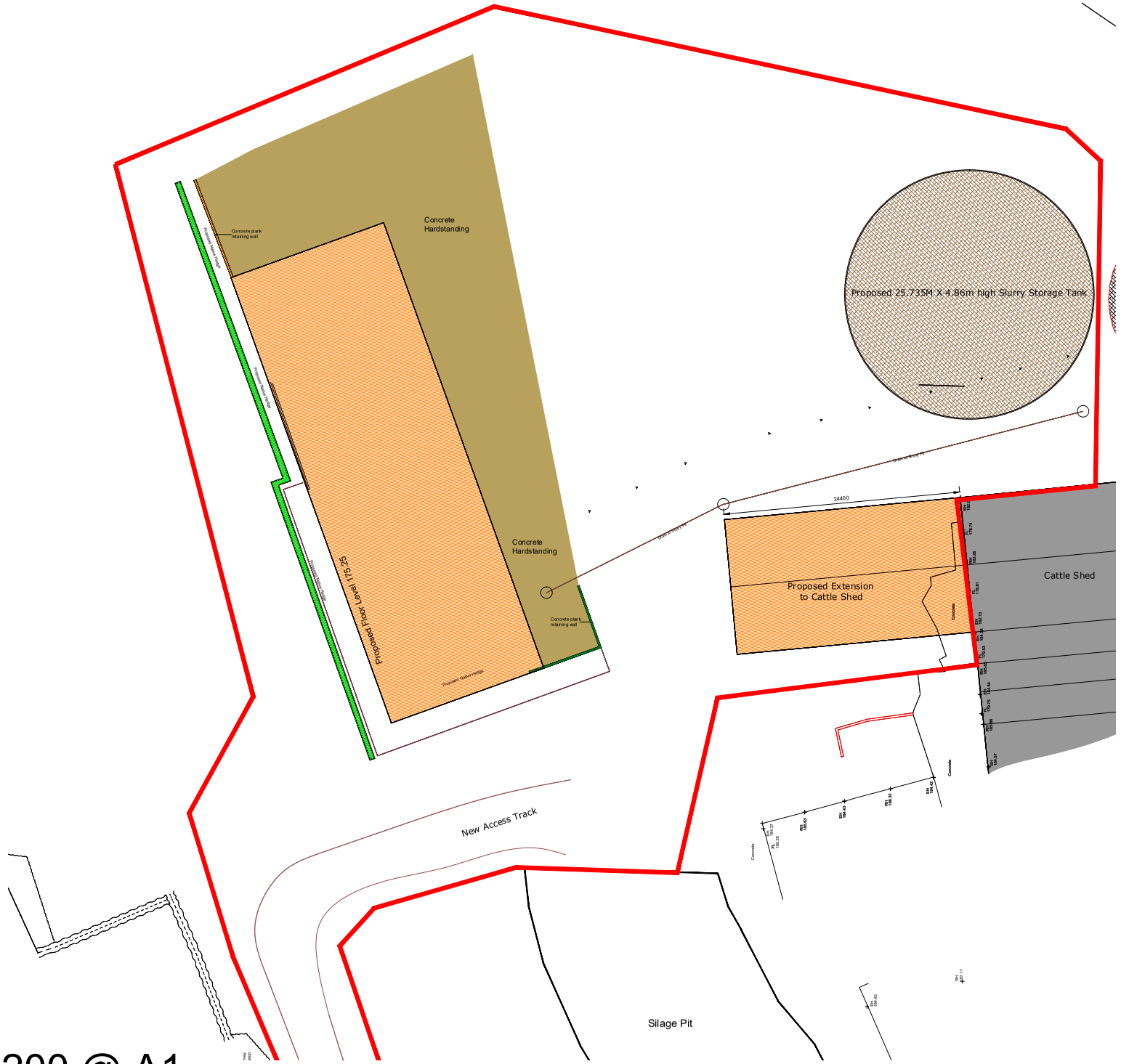
PREPARATION / SITE CLEARANCE
Remove rubbish, concrete, metal, glass, decayed vegetation and contaminated topsoil. Remove stones with largest dimension exceeding 75mm. Substances injurious to plant growth including subsoil, rubble, fuel and lubricants to be removed.

PLANTING CONDITIONS:
Plant during the season November - March.
Container grown material may be planted outside the planting season and when the soil is in a friable condition, but only with provision for supplementary watering.
Carry out preparation and planting while soil and weather conditions are suitable. Do not plant in periods of wet weather when working the soil would result in a loss of structure, or during periods of heavy frost or strong winds.

WATERING:
Apply evenly and without damaging or displacing plants or soil.
Water as necessary to ensure establishment and continued thriving of planting.

BACKFILLING MEDIUM:
The backfill medium should be as close as possible in texture and structure to the soil excavated from the tree pit. By preference soils excavated from the tree pit should be used as backfill, replaced to replicate the natural soil profile.
Tree planting compost should be entirely free of peat; proprietary products based on composted straw, manure or coir are acceptable, but products based on wood chips or bark should not be used.
Recycled compost material must comply with BS PAS100.

AFTERCARE
A 5 year aftercare period is required, during which time plants shall be maintained regularly to ensure establishment.
Plant condition is to be assessed annually at the end of each growing season and any plants that die or are badly misshapen by dieback, disease or damage shall be replaced during the planting season in the year the fault was identified.
Replacement stock shall be of the same size and species as that originally specified unless the Local Planning Authority gives written consent to any variation.



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