

# **Equestrian Design**

## **METHOD STATEMENT**

**FOR THE PLANTING AND FUTURE  
MAINTENANCE OF TREES TO THE PROPOSED  
NEW 15M X 30m HORSE EXERCISE AND TURN  
OUT AREA TO LAND ADJACENT TO THE  
GARDEN OF STORTH MEADOW FARM, HIGH  
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## **TREE PLANTING METHOD STATEMENT**

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The attached plan reference 1870516 indicates the trees to be retained as well as the trees that are to be newly planted. All of the retained trees are of a size that does not require any additional protection, in the form of protective fencing/tree guards and the like.

All the new trees, (18 in total) are to be from the same species - *Betula pendula* silver birch and are to be a minimum height of between 1.8m and 2.0m in height. Silver birch trees grow well in the company of the same species of tree, and grow well and look good in groups. Silver birch trees are relatively shallow rooted and are expected to grow well in this location and have an expected life expectancy of 50 to 60 years before showing signs of decay. They thrive in areas of poor quality soil and also grow well in wet ground wet conditions, unless they are stood in water and as such they are expected to thrive in this particular location.

The new trees are to be barefoot (not containerised) and are to be planted in late autumn - no later than mid October, watering occasionally as required up to when the weather turns colder, around mid October.

The trees are to be planted 1 - 3 meters apart, with the holes dug using a spade, with the hole being slightly wider and slightly deeper than the roots of the tree. The soil should be loosened around the dug edges and the tree then placed in the hole and the depth checked, with the collar (the mark on the tree from where it originally started to grow above ground) level with the top of the soil.

The tree should be held upright and the soil gently pushed back in around the tree root ball, pressing the soil gently around the root. The soil should not be compacted as this can prevent water and air circulation and finally the turf should be placed back around the tree.

The newly planted trees should be protected from damage by the provision of a tree guard and stake, with the stakes being upright and vertical and placed firmly in the ground.

As indicated on plan reference 1870516, the existing post and wire fence, which currently fences off the eastern end of the field is to be replaced with a new fence in the position indicated, by default this will protect all the trees to the eastern side of the new fence. The new trees that are to be planted to the western side of the new fence are all to be protected individually by post and rail timber fencing.

Any grass found to be growing inside the tree guards is to be removed and the guard put back in place after the grass removal. The tree guards can be removed and disposed of once the trees have grown to 3m in height.

Any trees that become damaged or diseased and require removal within 5 years of planting are to be replaced

Rev A)

Of the 18 trees in total, 6 are to be Oak (*Quercus Robur*), 6 Birch (*Betula Pendula*) and 6 are to be Rowan (*Sorbus Aucuparia*), planted as indicated in drawing number 1870516 Rev A.

Trees are to be planted between the middle of October and the end of November. Planting can take place through to the end of March, depending on the weather and as long as the ground isn't frozen

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