

Hawkshaw Farm

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Landscaping Proposal

**Scare Kingdom
Hawkshaw Farm
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LANDSCAPING PROPOSAL – Scare Kingdom, Hawkshaw Farm, Clayton le Dale. Planning portal reference – PP 03836573

This landscaping scheme is proposed in respect of the above application to screen the main building used for Scare Kingdom and to assist in preventing any possible noise nuisance for neighbours.

WORKS

- To plant a strip of native broad leaved species alongside Tottering Brook to assist with screening the site
- To increase the biodiversity of the site by appropriate selection of the species to be planted

SITE DESCRIPTION AND EXISTING PLANTING

Hawkshaw Farm is located to the east of Longsight Road, Clayton le Dale.

The main farm enterprise is the dairy herd which is housed and managed in a large range of modern and traditional farm buildings. The farm diversified into ice cream making in 2001 with this activity taking place in a converted building within the farm complex.

In addition to the ice cream making a farm visitor centre operates from March throughout the summer months.

In recent years a further seasonal enterprise, Scare Kingdom, has been developed. Scare Kingdom is operated at various locations around the site but many of the sets are situated in the agricultural storage building to the east of the cattle housing.

The building is located in a separate field which is alongside Tottering Brook. There is an established hedgerow with mature trees alongside the southern bank of the brook.

The existing tree species are *Salix spp* and *Alnus Glutinosa*. The hedgerow is largely *Crataegus monogyna* and *Prunus spinosa*. (See photographs below of the existing planting and watercourse)

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PLANTING PROPOSAL

It is proposed to plant a mixed species belt of trees adjacent to the brook following the natural contour within the field. The strip will be between 10 and 15 metres wide and the trees will be planted in a random pattern with 3 metres spacings. The total area to be planted is approximately 1100 square metres and so 125 trees will be planted.

A new livestock fence will be erected along the edge of the newly planted area to prevent grazing and damage to the trees by cattle and sheep.

See enclosed plan at Appendix 1

GENERAL

The works shall comply with B.S.4428 (1989) General Landscape Operations. Plants should be ordered to suit site requirements and only in accordance with the schedule.

PLANTING

General

All trees and shrubs shall conform to the relevant parts of B.S. 3936

Rejection of Plants

Any plant material, which does not meet the requirements of the specification, or is unsuitable or defective in any way, will be rejected. The minimum specified sizes in the plant schedule will be strictly enforced.

Planting

All planting material shall generally be planted between November and March in open cool weather. Planting shall not take place in frosty, snowy or waterlogged conditions. Where approved, pot or container grown plants may be planted outside the described season, but adequate watering shall be supplied. Torn or damaged roots and branches shall be clearly pruned prior to planting.

Planting of Transplants or Shrubs

The nature of the material to be planted is variable and the contractor shall allow for planting to be properly carried out in all cases as described in B.S. 4428: 1989. All plants shall be planted at the same depth, or very slightly deeper, as they were grown. Roots shall not be bent, broken or forced into inadequate pits or notches. Plants shall be upright, firmed in and wind resistant, with no air pockets around the roots. All pots and root wrappings shall be carefully removed prior to planting

Tree Ties and Stakes

All trees will be staked and protected with deer guards to prevent damage.

MAINTENANCE

All dead, diseased, damaged plants must be replaced for up to 10 years with a tree of the same species and of similar size to that originally planted.

Pruning

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At appropriate time, prune plants to remove dead, dying or diseased wood and suckers to promote healthy growth and natural shape. Dress cut ends exceeding 25mm diameter with fungicidal sealant.

Weed control

All plants will be kept weed free by hand weeding or use of an approved pre or post planting herbicide. A weed free area of 1 metre diameter will be maintained around each plant. The method of herbicide application will be by knapsack sprayer by a suitably qualified operator.

The weeding regime will continue for a minimum of five years.

Watering

All plants will be watered to field capacity weekly during the months April – July for a minimum of 3 years. Watering will take place as required beyond this period in prolonged dry periods.

Litter

Site to be kept free of litter

PLANTING SCHEDULE			
Species	Species	Height	QUANTITY
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	Alder	90cm	20%
<i>Quercus robur</i>	Pendunculate Oak	90cm	20%
<i>Betula pendula</i>	Silver Birch	90cm	15%
<i>Salix caprea</i>	Goat Willow	90cm	10%
<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>	Rowan	90cm	10%
<i>Prunus avium</i>	Wild Cherry	90cm	5%
<i>Malus sylvestris</i>	Crab Apple	90cm	5%
<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	Holly	45-60cm	5%
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn	45-60cm	5%
<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	Blackthorn	45-60cm	5%

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Appendix 1
Site plan indicating the proposed planting