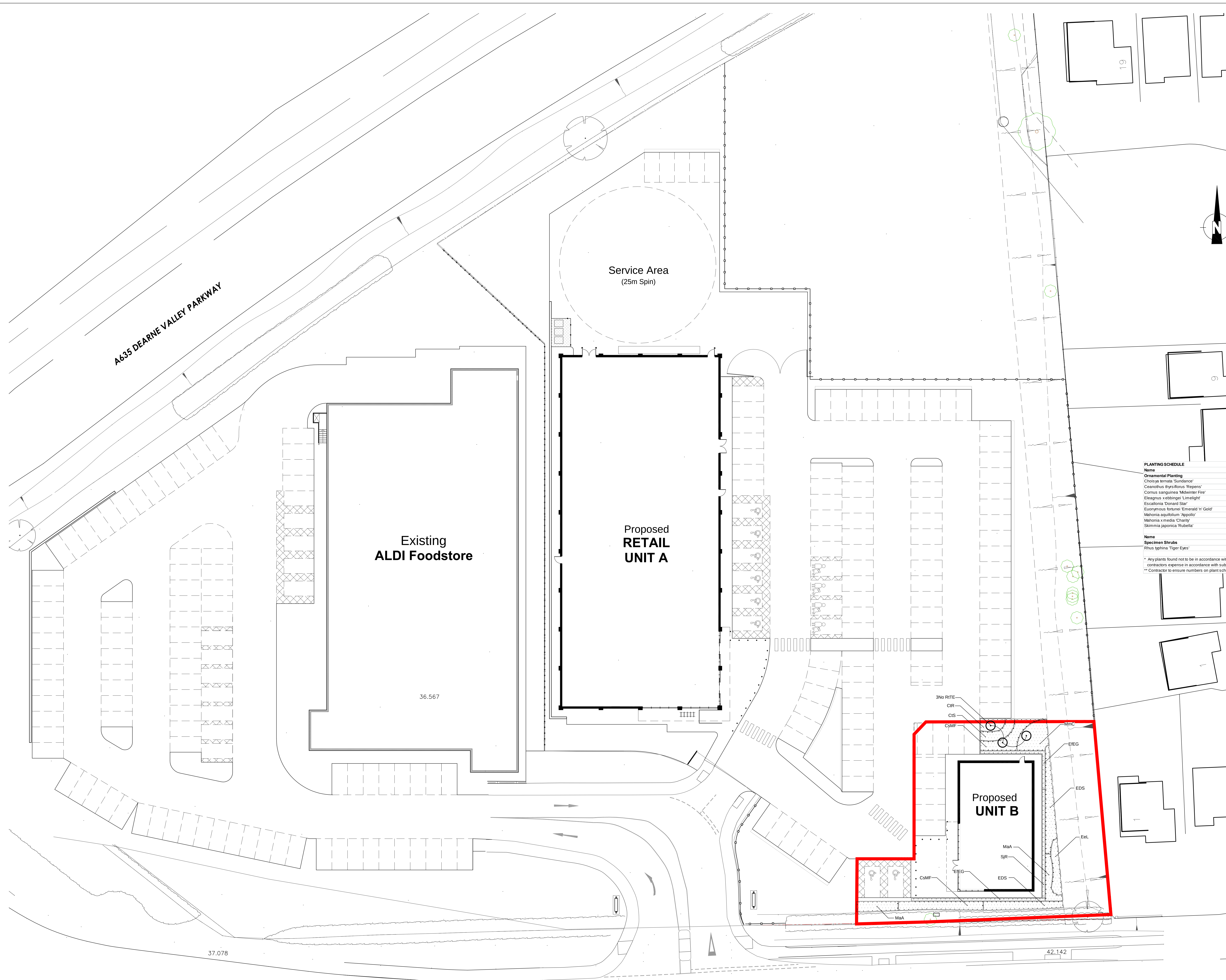




LANDSCAPE SPECIFICATION

NOTE: All soft landscape works to be carried out in accordance with BS4428:1989.

SUBSOIL
Subsoil should be broken up to relieve compaction and aid drainage prior to topsoiling to the following depths:
- For light and non cohesive subsoils: 300mm
- For stiff clay and cohesive subsoils: 450mm
Immediately before spreading topsoil, remove stones larger than 50mm.

TOPSOIL
To be supplied and spread by the main contractor to the approval of the Landscape contractor, in accordance with BS 3882 :2007. To be a natural sandy loam, of medium texture, with a pH between 5.5 and 7.8, not more than slightly stony and free of pernicious weeds. Subsoil to be well broken up prior to top-soiling to relieve compaction. Topsoil depths should be:
Areas for Ornamental Shrub Planting: minimum 450mm

CULTIVATION
Weeds to be prevented from seeding or becoming established by applying a suitable herbicide and allowing the correct time to elapse, as directed by the manufacturer. Compacted soil to be broken up to a depth of 100mm, with any stones, grass tufts or rubbish larger than 50mm in any direction to be removed, leaving a regular and even surface. Suitable slow release fertiliser to be supplied and spread @ 50g/m2 to all planted areas.

CLIMATIC CONDITIONS
Topsoiling should be carried out in the driest conditions possible i cultivation to be carried out when the soil is moist, friable and not waterlogged or frozen. Topsoil should not be handled during or after heavy rainfall or when it is wetter than the plastic limit as defined by BS 3882. Planting should not take place in waterlogged conditions or when the ground is frozen.

SOIL AMELIORANT
Peat free compost to be spread over ornamental shrub beds @ minimum 50mm depth prior to cultivation.

SHRUB PLANTING
All shrubs to be positioned as shown on the drawing and to the density and specification listed in the plant schedule. Planting holes to be 150mm wider than the root spread, have the base ground thoroughly broken up before planting and backfilled with compost.

MIXES: To be arranged in groups of 3,5&7 with no two groups of the same species touching.

SUBSTITUTIONS
Upon submission of evidence that certain materials, including plant materials, are not available at the time of the landscape contract, the Landscape Contractor may be permitted to substitute other materials and plants in exceptional circumstances during the contract with an agreed adjustment of prices. All substitutions shall be of nearest equivalent species and variety to the original specified but shall be subject to approval by the Landscape Architect before any change is made.

TIMES OF YEAR FOR PLANTING
Landscape works to be carried out during the first possible planting periods following completion of the building and associated engineering works / car park areas in accordance with the following:
Bare root native transplants: During dormant winter period - Late October to April
Container grown ornamental and specimen shrubs: At any time if ground and weather conditions are favorable.

MULCH
75mm depth of 8-35mm ornamental bark mulch to be supplied and spread to all planting areas. Finished mulch level to be installed and maintained at 25mm below any adjacent kerbs or paving surfaces.

MAINTENANCE
All planting areas to be maintained to a high standard for 12 months after practical completion, to ensure the landscape scheme is successful, and discourage decline of the area. The site is to be visited at minimum once per month. Any defects or plant losses occurring in the first 12 months to be replaced at the contractors expense. All planting beds to be re-firmed and kept weed free through hand weeding and application of approved herbicide where appropriate. The specified thickness of mulch is to be maintained. The condition of all trees is to be regularly checked, with ties and stakes adjusted or replaced as necessary. Shrubs to be pruned at appropriate times of year to promote healthy growth and desirable ornamental features. All arisings to be removed. Watering should take place as necessary to ensure establishment and continued success of all planting.

Key:

- Proposed specimen shrubs
- Proposed ornamental shrub planting

PLANTING SCHEDULE	Abb	Height	Root	Container	Habit	Breaks	Density
Ornamental Planting							
Chiosya ternata 'Sundance'	CIS	40-60	C	3L	Branched	3	5/m ²
Ceanothus thyrsiflorus 'Repens'	CIR	30-40D	C	3L	Bushy	5	5/m ²
Cornus sanguinea 'Midwinter Fire'	CSMF	60-80	C	3L	Branched	4	3/m ²
Elaeagnus xebbingei 'Limeflight'	EEL	40-60	C	3L	Branched	3	3/m ²
Escallonia 'Donard Star'	EDS	40-60	C	3L	Bushy	4	4/m ²
Eunonymus fortunei 'Emerald 'n' Gold'	ELEG	20-30D	C	3L	Bushy	7	5/m ²
Mahonia aquifolium 'Appollo'	MaA	30-40	C	3L	Branched	3	4/m ²
Mahonia x media 'Charity'	MnC	30-40	C	3L	Leader	/	3/m ²
Skimmia japonica 'Rubella'	SJR	30-40	C	3L	Bushy	3	5/m ²
Specimen Shrubs							
Rhus typhina 'Tiger Eyes'	RTE	100-120	C	15L	Several shoots	3	Item

* Any plants found not to be in accordance with the specification above after post completion site inspection will be replaceable at contractors expense in accordance with substitutions paragraph of specification on drawing.
** Contractor to ensure numbers on plant schedules match numbers on drawing before placing order for plants.