

ECOLOGICAL ENHANCEMENT AND MANAGEMENT

The following species mix will be used for planting of the hedgerow.

These species are all specifically picked for their suitability for the local conditions and for their value for biodiversity.

The percentage

mix and species to plant are listed below;

70% of planting consisting of:

- Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*)
- Blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa*)

With 30% of planting consisting of:

- Hazel (*Corlyus avellana*)
- Holly (*Ilex aquifolium*)
- Dog Rose (*Rosa canina*)
- Field Maple (*Acer campestre*)
- Dogwood (*Cornus sanguinea*)
- Spindle (*Euonymous europaeus*)
- Wild Privet (*Ligustrum vulgare*)

These would be planted between November to March, avoiding any severe cold or wet spells. This will

ensure that the root structure has time to develop prior to the dryer summer period. During planting, it will be ensured that the roots of these trees are entirely buried, with none exposed. Suitable guards will be installed when these trees are planted to prevent any damage from grazing small mammals and deer, enabling the trees to establish.

This new planting area will be permitted to grow to a width of at least 2m and a height of 3m prior to any cutting. Yearly cutting would take place during the winter months, outside of the bird nesting season and would keep this newly planted area to the 3m wide and 5m high specification. This specification is in place to provide a quality of habitat to other protected species that could potentially colonise this location such as dormice (*Muscardinus avellanarius*).