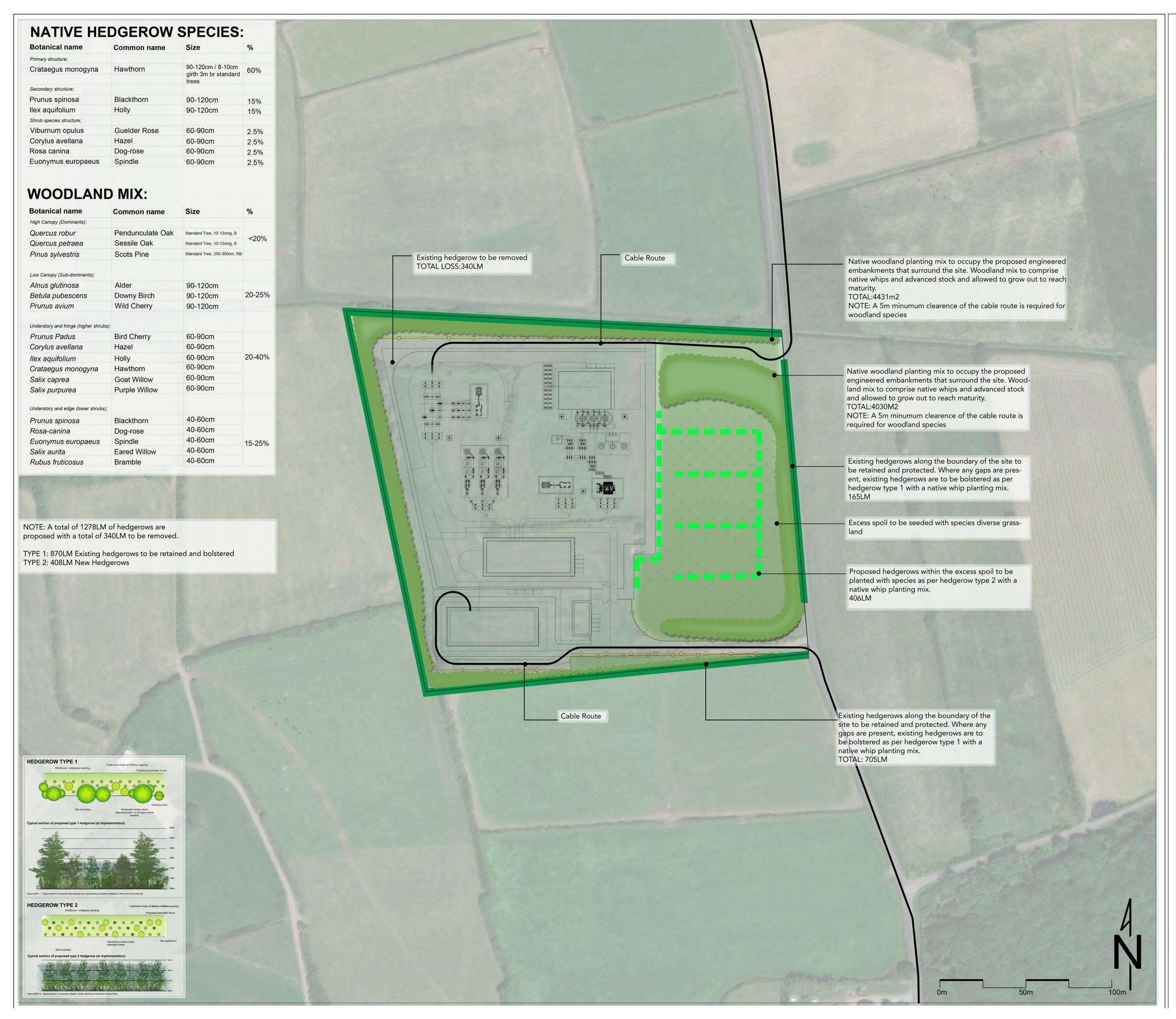




## **APPENDIX 27-1**

LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT PLAN



## LEGEND:



## **NOTES:**

The function of the proposed mitigation planting is primarily for screening, but it will also enhance the ecological corridors that are already present within the hedgerows.

Mitigation screen planting shall consist of a mixture of native hedgerow species that are prevalent in the immediate area. Planting to consist of feathered whips (of various sizes) in staggered rows at a spacing of

'Under-planting' to consist of a single row of whips to the development side of existing tree lines and hedgerows.

'Inter-planting' to consist of whips at 400mm centres to fill gaps in existing tree lines and hedgerows.

New sections of hedgerow to consist of a triple staggered row of whips and advanced nursery stock at 600mm spacing.

Proposed vegetation quantities:

Hedgerow Type 1 - c. 866 linear meters Hedgerow Type 2 - c. 406 linear meters Proposed Woodland Mix - 8461m2

All native species will be planted as whips, with the primary and secondary structure species to be of a minimum height of 90cm and the other shrubs species to be of a minimum height of 60cm.

Proposed mitigation screen planting to be planted as per diagram LMP1.1-1.2 and maintained at a height of approximately 3-4m unless otherwise specified. Hedgerow type 1 to be planted as necessary for gap filling and bolstering.

Proposed mitigation to be planted in the first growing season prior to commencement of development. Hedgerows should reach full establishment (3-4 meters) within 2-3 years of planting.

\*Advanced nursery stock to be provided as Crateagus monogyna (Hawthorn) at 8-10cm girth (c. 3m) bare root standard trees.

Field Margin will occupy any residual space between the perimeter fence and nearest line of whip planting. Mix to consist of species diverse

When this is implemented the top soil of the construction area will be stripped and stored within a bunded area in the site and covered in a tarp or other material and left in-situ until construction is complete. Once the designated areas has been leveled and prepared for landscaping, the topsoil will spread in this area to ensure the species composition is of local provenance. In addition, yellow rattle (Rhinanthus minor) seed can also be sown into the area as this species Parasitises Grasses, aiding in the establishment of native broad leave species. Seeds should be acquired from as close to the subject site as possible Note there will be no application of fertilizer or other chemicals into this area.

After two growing seasons once landscaping has been complete, these areas will be cut for hay, mown (with the removal of cuttings) or grazed annually. This will be undertaken yearly in August/September to remove the sward from the site. These areas will be left fallow and livestock free for the rest of the year. Should scrub or invasive species begin to establish in this area, these will be removed, as per the relevant guidance for each.



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