



BIODIVERSITY STATEMENT
FOR
BRIDGE OF ORCHY- PRESSURE RELEASE VALVE SITE
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This statement has been prepared to support the biodiversity enhancement and soft landscaping proposals as part of the application for “Formation of a service layby and site to accommodate pressure release valves as part of the first-time public water supply to Bridge of Orchy” at Land West of 1 Station Brae, Station Road, Bridge of Orchy, Argyll And Bute.
- 1.2 The purpose of this document is to set out the overall management objectives of the measures and to describe the maintenance during the establishment period.
- 1.3 All references to planting and biodiversity treatments are based on the planning submission drawings and information, specifically:
 - 5027750000.SSD.P.L.002 Rev A, BoO Pressure Reducing Valve Site, Planting & Biodiversity Plan

2.0 MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 The proposed Planting and Biodiversity Plan shall seek to improve the biodiversity of a new operational Scottish Water site and the surroundings affected by the construction works which is currently laid to lawn as an amenity grass.
- 2.2 Scottish Water, their Contractors and the landowner shall ensure establishment of all landscape elements for the benefit of biodiversity and visual amenity of the area.
- 2.3 Best Health & Safety practices shall be used at all times.

3.0 MAINTENANCE OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 Maintenance will be carried out in accordance with the specification and schedule shown on the drawings and included in Appendix B by agreement with the landowner, in order to ensure establishment of the biodiversity measures.

4.0 GENERAL

- 4.1 All materials and workmanship are to be in accordance with relevant British Standards, good horticultural and arboricultural practices.
- 4.2 Scottish Water and their appointed contractors shall comply with all relevant Health & Safety regulations and good working practices.
- 4.3 All work shall be carried out while soil and weather conditions are suitable.

- 4.4 Weeds, grass cuttings, rubbish and other arisings shall be removed from site for composting, where possible the end of each visit. No material shall be left on site, and the area shall be left in a neat and tidy condition after each visit.

5.0 GRASS AREAS

- 5.1 Meadow grass areas will be sown along with planting of native spring bulbs in accordance with the drawings.
- 5.2 Areas of native grass and wildflower seeding should be managed for biodiversity but should not compromise the operation of the Scottish Water site. The maintenance recommendations of the seed supplier for the individual seed mixes should be followed for the best performance.
- 5.3 The grass areas may be maintained as lawn and cut to 10cm during the growing season, leave to flower and set seen during July/August before resuming mowing.
- 5.4 It is recommended that areas with bulb planting are not mown until the leaves have died back following flowering.

6.0 PLANT REPLACEMENTS

- 6.1 Failure of meadow grass areas should be overseeded with an appropriate meadow mix in the following planting season.
- 6.2 All work shall be carried out by appropriately qualified horticultural operatives with adequate insurance and in accordance with good horticultural practice and B.S. standards. All debris arising from the works shall be removed from site.
- 6.3 Approval of all remedial and replacement work shall be obtained before commencing any remedial work.

7.0 LITTER REMOVAL

- 7.1 Litter picking/clearance shall take place during each maintenance visit and all waste shall be removed from site.

Appendix A:

Planting Schedules and specification, all as drawing 5027750000.SSD.P.L.002 Rev A, BoO PRV, Planting & Biodiversity Plan

Meadow Mixes:

Recommended Seed mixes:

Native Grass Mixes: Scotia Seeds 'Flowering Lawn Mix (SCM6)'

Bulb planting:

Native Bulbs

Planted in groups (min 30-40) same species to create natural drifts

No bulbs to be planted in wet ground

Plants to be planted in wet ground							
No	Species		Size	Approx Density-plants/sqm	Approx Sqm	Planting depth	Best position
450	Galanthus nivalis	Snowdrop	Size 5/6+	100	18	10cm	dappled/partial shade
730	Narcissus pseudonarcissus	Native Daffodil	Size 9/10+	80		10-15cm	full sun/partial shade
450	Tulipa sylvestris	Wild Tulip	Size 6/7+	100		10-15cm	full sun/partial shade
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Appendix B:

Establishment and Maintenance Schedule, all as drawing 5027750000.SSD.P.L.001 Revision B Planting Plan

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Note: This table lists the key routine operations required during both the defects and maintenance periods together with an indication of when they should be undertaken throughout the year. It should be noted that the table should be used as a guide to times only.