

## Appendix 7

### SOUTH PARK GROUNDS MAINTENANCE STANDARDS

*Tables taken from Darlington Borough Council's Grounds Maintenance schedules.*

#### GRASS CUTTING STANDARDS SOUTH PARK

| Area Type                                | Mowing Season    | Min Height After cutting | Min Height Between Cuts | Max Height Between Cuts | Min Frequency                 | Cut Type                                     |
|--|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Bowling Greens                           | March - November | 3mm                      | 8mm                     | 10mm                    | 48hrs                         | Cylinder                                     |
| Parks etc<br>High Amenity Areas          | March - November | 12mm                     | 15mm                    | 20mm                    | Weekly                        | Cylinder<br>Grass<br>Collection              |
| Normal Grass Areas                       | March - November | 25mm                     | 75mm                    | 75mm                    | Fortnightly                   | Rotary<br>Cylinder<br>Tractor-<br>Pedestrian |
| Flail Mown Areas<br><br>Open Rough Areas | March - October  | 150mm                    | 200mm                   | 300mm                   | Monthly<br>March -<br>October | Tractor<br>Flail/Rotary<br>Mower             |
| Wild Flower Areas                        | September        | 75mm                     | N/A                     | N/A                     | Yearly<br>September           | Flail Mower<br>Hand Rake                     |
| Bulb Planted Areas                       | April - May      | 25mm                     | N/A                     | N/A                     | Yearly<br>April - May         | Return Areas<br>as Open Space                |

#### Grass: Herbicide Treatment

| Area Type   | Season                        | Herbicide Type  | Water / Emulsion | Max Frequency          | Min Frequency          | Applicator                          |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Fixed Obstacles<br>Fencelines<br>Normal Grass Areas | Feb – April<br><br>Sept - Nov | Residual        | Emulsion         | 2 Treatments<br>Yearly | 1 Treatment<br>Yearly  | Controlled<br>Droplet<br>Applicator |
| Shrub Beds<br>Park Areas                            | Jan - Dec                     | Non<br>Residual | Water            | 6 Treatments<br>Yearly | 3 Treatments<br>Yearly | Knapsack<br>Sprayer                 |

### Shrub Bed - Rose Bed - Flower Bed: Maintenance Standard

| Area Type                                      | Season                          | Max Depth | Min Depth | Min Frequency           | Max Bedding Plants SQ m | Min Bedding Plants SQ m |
|--|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Shrub Beds Cultivation                         | Jan - Dec                       | 100mm     | 70mm      | 4 Cultivations Per Year | N/A                     | N/A                     |
| Shrub Bed Visual Inspection<br>Herbicide treat | Jan – Dec                       | N/A       | N/A       | Fortnightly             | N/A                     | N/A                     |
| Rose Beds Cultivation                          | Jan - Dec                       | 100mm     | 70mm      | Monthly                 | N/A                     | N/A                     |
| Shrub Bed Pruning                              | Oct - March                     | N/A       | N/A       | Yearly                  | N/A                     | N/A                     |
| Rose Pruning                                   | March – April<br>Oct - Nov      | N/A       | N/A       | Twice Yearly            | N/A                     | N/A                     |
| Flower Beds/<br>Displays<br>Flower Features    | Jan – Dec<br>Winter -<br>Summer | 50mm      | 25mm      | Weekly                  | 26 Number               | 20 Number               |

### Hedge Cutting

| Area Type                            | Season          | Min Height After Cutting            | Max Height After Cutting   | Max Height Between Cuts | Min Frequency       | Cut Type<br>Hand Type                           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---|
| Privet<br>Beech<br>Hawthorn<br>Mixed | July - February | Hedges to be cut to previous growth | 50mm above previous growth | 300mm                   | 3 Visits per Season | Mechanical<br>Shears/ Tractor<br>Side arm flail |