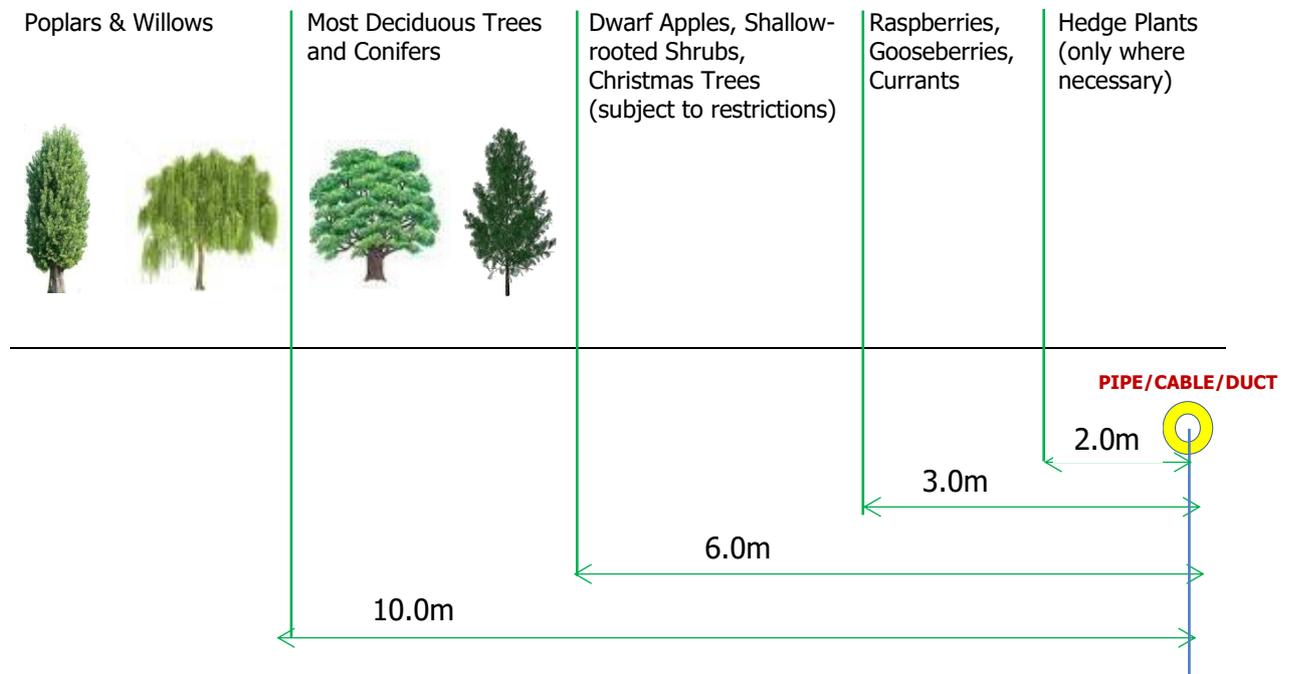


TREE PLANTING GUIDELINES

Notes for Guidance – Tree Planting Restrictions on or near Utility Apparatus



1. Before any tree planting is carried out on public land or any land subject to a **BUUK Infrastructure¹** easement, written approval shall be obtained. Any approval granted shall be subject to retaining the right to remove, at any time, in the future, all trees which in the opinion of **BUUK Infrastructure¹** might become a danger to any **asset type²**.
2. The written consent to plant trees will state what area may be planted and also the type of tree.
3. The only hardwood plants which can be planted directly across any **asset type²** are hedge plants such as Quickthorn, Blackthorn, etc., and these shall only be planted where a hedge is necessary either screening purposes or to indicate a field boundary.
4. Poplar and Willow trees shall not be planted within 10m of the centre line of any **asset type²**.
5. The following trees and those of similar size either deciduous or evergreen, shall not be planted within 6.0m of the centre line of any **asset type²** e.g., Ash, Beech, Birch, most Conifers, Elm, Maple, Lime, Horse Chestnut, Oak, Sycamore, Apple and Pear trees, also come into this category. The above trees may only be planted as individual specimens or as a single row in the area between 6.0m and 10.0m of the **asset type²**. Dense mass planting may only be carried out at distances greater than 10.0m from the centre line of the **asset type²**.

6. Raspberries, Gooseberries and Blackcurrants may be planted on public land or any land subject to a **BUUK Infrastructure¹** easement but a 4.0m strip, centred over any **asset type²** shall be left clear at all times.
7. Dwarf Apple stocks may be planted up to 3.0m from the centre line of any **asset type²**.
8. In cases where screening is required, the following are shallow rooting and may be planted close to any **asset type²**; Blackthorn, Bloom, Cotoneaster, Elder, Hazel, Laurel, Quickthorn, Privet, Snowberry, and most ornamental shrubs.
9. Christmas trees (Picea Ables) may be planted up to 3.0m from the centre line of any **asset type²**. However, permission is given on the strict understanding that Christmas trees are clear felled at intervals not exceeding seven years.

Further guidance can be found in Streetworks UK guidelines, Volume 4, for the planting, installation and maintenance of utility apparatus to trees (issue 2). click on <http://streetworks.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/V4-Trees-Issue-2-16-11-2007.pdf>

¹BUUK Infrastructures include GPL, IPL, QPL, ENC, IPNL, OFNL, IWNL and ICHL

²Asset types include pipelines, cables, ducts and any other ancillary equipment