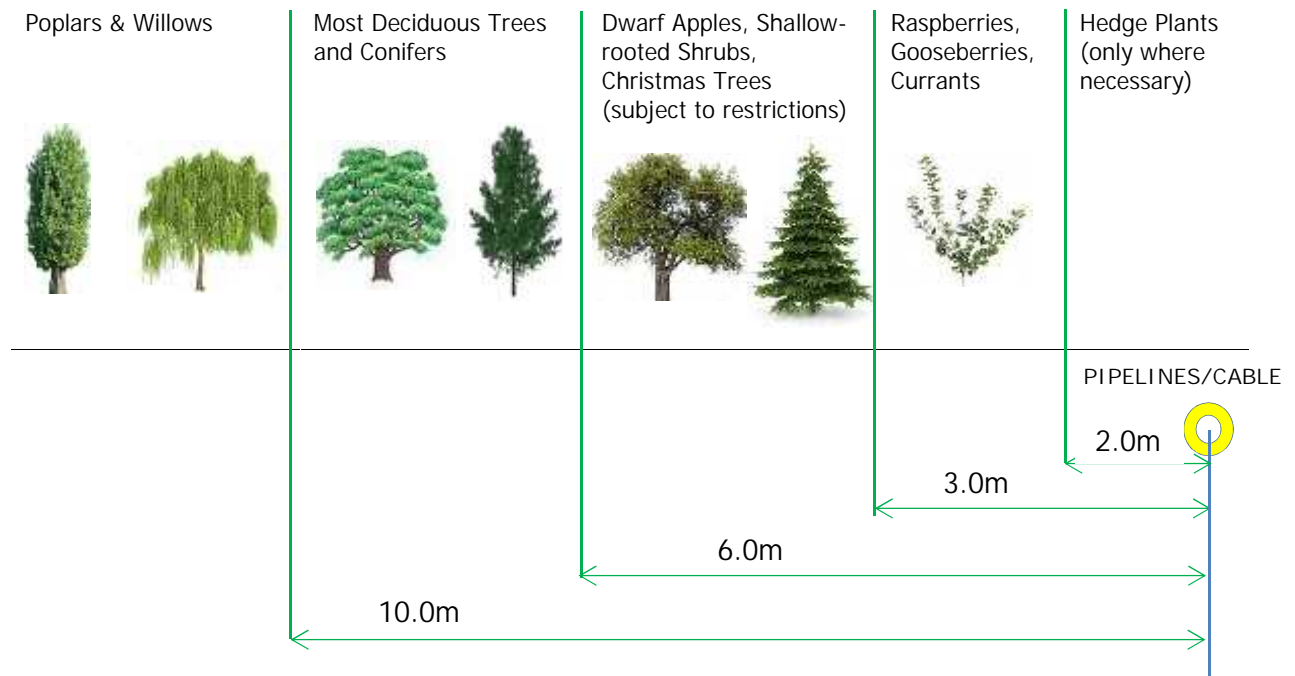


TREE PLANTING GUIDELINES

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 GTC easement, written approval shall be obtained from GTC. Any approval granted by GTC shall be subject to retaining the right to remove, at any time, in the future, all trees which in the opinion of GTC might become a danger to any cables or pipeline.
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 pipeline or cables 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 cables or pipeline.
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 cables or pipeline 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 cables or pipeline. Dense mass planting may only be carried out at distances greater than 10.0m from the centre line of the cables or pipeline.

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