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Plant Biosecurity Policy

Deepdale Trees acknowledges the threat posed to the business, horticulture in the UK and the wider environment from imported pests and disease and is committed to implementing, maintaining and reviewing controls throughout all areas of the business to ensure the highest standard of plant biosecurity. We are acutely aware of our responsibility to minimise the risks posed and to prevent the introduction and spread of pests, pathogens or invasive species that affect plant health.

This policy will be reviewed annually as part of a continuous improvement process to ensure that it remains appropriate to both the business and the aims set out in it.

Deepdale Trees' approach to plant health and biosecurity

- Making the management of biosecurity and in particular, plant biosecurity, a priority for all members of staff, its suppliers, contractors, visitors and other interested parties.
- Continually reviewing the systems and processes we implement, to ensure they are successfully maintained, if not, improved, to deliver effective and accepted levels of competence across all areas of biosecurity in the business.
- Staying up to date with pests and diseases, and legislation that may affect the nursery.
- Minimise risk by only sourcing plant material for Deepdale Trees from reputable growers, alongside strict regimes of assessment of all plants on arrival and prior to storage, within the main plant storage areas of the premises.

Site and Operations Pest Risk Analysis

- The company has conducted a Site Operations and Risk Assessment (SOPRA) to arrive at control measures which minimise the plant biosecurity risks to an Appropriate Level of Protection (ALOP) and is committed to its annual review with relevant staff designated as Plant Health Champions to ensure that control measures are successfully maintained and, if not, improved to deliver effective and accepted levels of competence across all areas of biosecurity in the business.

Plant health legislation and best practice guidance

- Implement a Plant Healthy Management System following the Plant Healthy Management Standard.
- Compliance with Plant Passport, Phytosanitary and all Statutory Plant Health Notice and Special Conditions together with ISPM15 international requirements.

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Staff training and plant biosecurity

- Inform, train and supervise all employees to take account of necessary biosecurity regimes throughout all working practices, including appropriate refresher training at all levels.

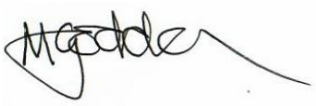
Communicating this policy to staff

- Dedicate the necessary personnel and financial resources required to achieve this policy, with areas of responsibility defined in job descriptions.

Communicating this policy to external parties

- Remain committed to the legal requirements for alerting the appropriate organisations of any suspected quarantine pest and pathogens outbreak we encounter.

Signed



Mark Godden, Managing Director

Date: 25 April 2026

Next review date: 25 April 2027 or sooner as required