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**DEEPDALE TREES LIMITED  
BIOSECURITY POLICY  
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The risk of pests and diseases being imported on trees and shrubs is real and therefore the need for organisations such as Deepdale to have effective policies and procedures in place to minimise this risk is essential so that its customers are assured of receiving plants that are healthy and do not pose a risk to the wider environment.

Deepdale have for many years and will continue to do so, only purchase trees from a small number of quality nurseries in Europe all of which are plant passported and regularly visited and inspected by their local authorities.

In addition Deepdale have been working with DEFRA through their local inspectorate and its partners in Europe to make sure all trees and shrubs imported into the UK by Deepdale Trees Ltd either for their own use or for their clients adhere to the plant passport regime.

Therefore Deepdale as well as giving full support to the Arboriculture Association Biosecurity position statement <https://www.trees.org.uk/Trees.org.uk/media/Trees-org.uk/Documents/AA-Biosecurity-Policy.pdf> will assure that:

- Wherever possible it will not import trees for immediate planting into the UK landscape.
- All trees held by them both on the field and in the nursery will be inspected on a regular base's for pest and disease.
- Any imported trees that are host to specific known pests and disease as informed by DEFRA or other UK/European recognised bodies will be notified to DEFRA and insure that these trees are available for inspection by DEFRA when required.
- It will maintain a documented audit trail for all trees and shrubs both imported and grown to enable traceability both within the nursery and when sold.
- It will only purchase trees from recognised and known sources within Europe and the UK
- No trees are purchased from within areas known to harbour or are infected by any pest and disease which are registered with DEFRA or other UK/European recognised bodies
- Its suppliers are visited and inspected by Deepdale on a regular bases as well as their local environmental agencies and are part of the plant passport regime <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/plant-health-controls>
- Continue to work with DEFRA to improve process and procedures to ensure the highest biosecurity measures are in place.

The Directors  
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