**Appendix 4: Guidelines for Pruning of Shrubs**

Shrub Genus Shrub Classification

Aucuba A

Berberis A

Buddleia D

Ceanothus A

Choisya A

Cistus A

Cornus (Dogwood sp. Stool down to 150mm) D

Continus A

Cotoneaster A

Cytisus A

Elaeagnus A

Escallonia A

Eunonymus A

Fatsia A

Forsythia B

Genista A

Griselinia A

Hamamelis A

Hebe A

Hippophae A

Hydrangea (Dead head after flowering) A

Ilex A

Kerria B

Lavendula D

Ligustrum A

Lonicera A

Mahonia A

Olearia A

Pachysandra A

Pernettya A

Perovskia C

Philadelphus B

Potentilla A

Prunus A

Pyracantha A

Rhododendron A

Rhus A

Ribes (except R. sanguineum) D (B)

Romarinus B

Rubus D

Sambucus D

Santolina D

Senecio A

Skimmia A

Spiraea B

Symphoricarpus A

Syringa A

Viburnum A

Vinca A

Weigela B

**Shrub Classification – Type ’A’**

No pruning required other than removal of dead or diseased wood. Some shaping may be carried out in late spring and when shrubs not in flower.

**Shrub Classification – Type ‘B’**

Remove some of the oldest wood and, or wood which has previously borne flowers retaining the young wood to ripen and produce flowers the following year. Pruning to be carried out immediately after flowering. Remove all dead or diseased material.

**Shrub Classification – Type ‘C’**

Remove completely on or two old stems, cut back younger flowering shoots to fresh growth of the main branches. Thin out crowded shoots and remove weak twigs. Pruning to be carried out between November and March. Remove all dead or diseased material.

**Shrubs Classification – Type ‘D’**

During March, cut back previous season’s wood to within two or three buds of the old wood. Remove all dead or diseased

material.

**Additional Notes**

The above represents general guidelines for shrub pruning. Some of the above genera may be used as hedging material in which case they should be treated according to the hedging specification and not shrub specification. The Contractor must note that methods of pruning will differ for species and cultivars within genera, and where there is doubt about the appropriate method, the Contractor shall consult with the Supervising Officer.