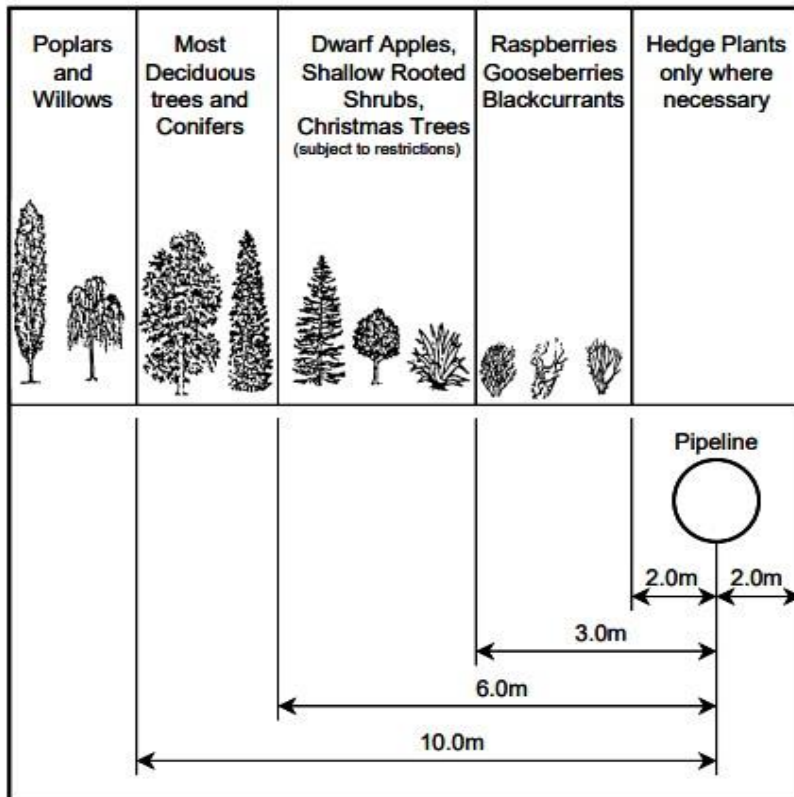


## National Gas Transmission's Notes for Guidance – Tree Planting Restrictions on Pipelines

1. Before any tree planting is carried out on the easement, written approval shall be obtained from National Gas Transmission. Any approval granted by National Gas Transmission shall be subject to the retention of the right to remove, at any time in the future, all trees that, in the opinion of National Gas Transmission, may pose a risk to the pipeline.
2. The written consent to plant trees will state **which areas** may be planted and which **types of trees are permitted**.



3. The only hardwood plants that can be planted directly over a pipeline are hedge plants such as quickthorn, blackthorn etc. These may only be planted where a hedge is necessary, either for screening purposes or to indicate a field boundary.
4. Poplar and willow trees shall **not** be planted within **10 metres** of the centreline of the pipeline.
5. The following trees and those of similar size (which may be deciduous or evergreen) shall **not** be planted within **6 metres** of the pipeline's centreline: ash, beech, birch, most conifers, elm, maple, lime, horse chestnut, oak and sycamore. Apple and pear trees also fall into this category. These trees may only be planted as **individual specimens** or as a **single row** in the area between **6 and 10 metres** from the centreline of the pipeline.
6. Raspberries, gooseberries and blackcurrants may be planted over the pipeline, but a **4-metre strip**, centred on the pipeline, shall be left clear at all times.
7. Dwarf apple stocks may be planted up to **3 metres** from the centreline of the pipeline.
8. In cases where screening is required, the following are shallow rooting and may be planted close to the pipeline: blackthorn, broom, cotoneaster, elder, hazel, laurel, quickthorn, privet, snowberry, and most ornamental shrubs.
9. Christmas trees (*Picea Abies*) may be planted up to **3 metres** from the centreline of the pipeline. However, permission is given on the strict understanding that the Christmas trees will be **clear-felled** at intervals of **no more than seven years**.