



Summary of public comments on draft tree planting plan for

Duchess Way Open Space

September 2021



A draft tree planting plan was circulated to immediate neighbours and posted in numerous locations around the open space. Thank you to everyone for taking the time to comment. Below is a summary of the comments and enquiries received; Bristol City Council's response; and any minor revisions to the plan if appropriate.

Areas of concern raised:

We have given these concerns consideration and provide our responses with any action below.

Comments:

1. Intensive planting in this area is not appropriate
2. Concern that the trees will block out the light making the area dark
3. Access for grass cutting will need to be maintained
4. Concern about trees being planted too close to property
5. Will maintenance of trees be carried out?

Bristol city council response:

1. Our plan does not intend to plant intensively. We are hoping to plant up to 11 stand-alone specimen trees, species such as Oak and Field Maple
2. As above
3. We will ensure access is maintained
4. We will plant the trees in suitable locations, away from residential properties
5. Yes, maintenance will be carried out by the OTPC volunteer team. Tree maintenance sessions run throughout the year outside of the planting season

Tree plan revisions:

None

Other comments and enquiries:

In addition to the main concern above, we received eight additional comments. These do not affect the final tree plan, see below:

Comments:

1. We received five comments in support of the planting
2. How can we help plant the trees?
3. Can existing mature trees in the park be maintained?
4. Can we get more dog bins for the area?

Bristol city council response:

1. Thank you for your support
2. New volunteers are always welcome. Our volunteer tree planting programme will be available to view on our webpage from October
3. I will pass this request to the area Tree Officer
4. I will pass this request to the Parks Operational Co-ordinator

What happens next?

Planting will take place during the winter planting season between November 2021- March 2022.

Visit the Bristol City Council Webpage [for more information on this winter's One Tree Per Child community planting events.](#)

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