



Summary of public comments on the second draft tree planting plan for

Purdown Open Space

November 2021



A second 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. Two comments were received regarding public safety.
2. Views will be lost.
3. Trees will reduce the accessible space.
4. Tree planting will encourage litter.
5. Tree planting will impact sledging in the winter months.
6. Why change an area which is so well used?
7. Can the woodland location be moved to the area adjacent to the allotments?

Bristol city council response:

1. Sight and desire lines have been taken into account. We revised the initial woodland plan in the enclosed field to help with safety concerns. The revised plan allows for more open space and light in this section of Purdown.
2. Specimen tree locations have been positioned to reduce the impact on public views. Woodland areas will be planted alongside existing woodland/hedge boundaries to lessen this impact also.
3. The revised planting plan has taken into account the comments previously received regarding the usable space. Woodland planting will be resigned to the outer boundaries, allowing usable, open space to remain for recreational activities.
4. Any concerns regarding fly tipping can be reported to <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/streets-travel/flytipping>
5. Sledging was taken into account when drawing up the planting plan. A large avenue through the centre of the open space has been left specifically for this reason.
6. Bristol City Council has declared a climate emergency. Parks and open spaces will need to play a vital role in helping to alleviate the environmental pressures that we are currently facing.
7. This location has been previously been assessed and is currently not suitable for tree planting due to the species rich grassland habitat.

Tree plan revisions:

None

Other comments and enquiries:

In addition to the main concerns above, we received five additional comments. This does not affect the final tree plan, see below:

Comments:

1. Three comments gave their support.
2. Can we consider planting trees along the main road?
3. How can we get involved with planting the trees?

Bristol city council response:

1. Thank you for your support.
2. We will discuss this option within our team in more detail.
3. You can find our volunteer planting programme on our website. Please email onetreeperchild@bristol.gov.uk to confirm your attendance.

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.](#)

You can contact One Tree Per Child by:

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