



Summary of public comments on draft tree planting plan for

The Ridings

November 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. Concern raised regarding the tree maintenance.
2. Trees will block out the light, create fallen leaves in the autumn and provide habitats for wildlife.
3. Additional tree cover will increase the risk of antisocial behaviour and fire risk.
4. The open space is used for recreational use.
5. Can the community pick the fruit?

Bristol city council response:

1. OTPC run volunteer sessions every week throughout the year. Trees planted by OTPC will be maintained outside of the planting season by our volunteer group.
2. The proposed planting site is north facing, with residential housing to the south. Trees planted in this location will have little effect on sunlight reaching those homes in close proximity. We have selected fruit trees which will only grow to a maximum of 4m in height, they will be spaced 5m apart so that light and views are maintained. Providing habitat for wildlife is a vital part of the management of parks and open spaces.

3. The orchard trees will be protected with metal mesh guards which will remain on the trees until they are established. We will contact the areas PCSO to discuss the risk of antisocial behaviour.
4. The orchard trees are spaced in such a way to allow lots of light and open space between the trees. Space for recreation will remain.
5. Fruit will be available to be picked by anyone in the community.

Tree plan revisions:

None

Other comments and enquiries

Comments:

The Council should allow more time to respond to consultations.

Bristol city council response:

Our consultation response time for tree planting is three weeks as standard.

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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