

Summary of public comments: September 2026

Tree planting plan for Tree planting plan for Clifton Vale Close, Clifton (BS8 4PX)

One Tree Per Child have designed a draft tree planting plan for 19 specimen trees at Clifton Vale Close to improve the current green space. The consultation was circulated to residents and displayed in locations in the area and was added to the consultation page on the Bristol City Council website.

Below is a summary of the comments received; Bristol City Council's response; and any revisions to the plan where appropriate.

Comments	Response
Species choice and new tree establishment	All planting follows the right tree, right place, right reason principle. In busy urban places this means selecting the best tree to deliver the most benefit, accounting for local environmental factors. All newly planted trees are also subject to a tree watering and maintenance programme in their formative years to aid establishment. Species selection considers our changing climate and the effects of drought. A mix of natives and non-natives helps build a more resilient tree stock through drought tolerance and disease resistance.
Location of 200053 and 200054 along boundary wall	These will be 5m from the wall and root deflecting material will be used when planting to deflect the root growth downwards.
Request for larger trees for 200048 and 200047 from St Vincent Road resident	Species change to Silver Birch (<i>Betula pendula</i>) with dappled shade.
Request for native species and notification of tree disease in the area (200052-54).	Noted previous brown rot location on prunus species opposite Dowry Square border. Low risk for <i>Cornus Mas</i> infection but species changed to Field Maple (<i>Acer campestre</i>). As above, species choice is a mix of natives and non-natives to help improve climate resilience. For disease resistance we must also diversity our tree families. In Bristol, we have the largest percentage of Rosacea, which includes Rowan so we must select alternatives. The small magnolia has been chosen as a more drought tolerant species than many and for its beautiful, visual floral impact for residents and pollinators.

Thanks to the 3 additional supportive comments for this planting scheme.

Tree plan revisions:

- Update locations 200053 and 200054 to 5m from the wall.
- 200054, 200053 and 200052 species changed to *Acer campestre*.
- 200047 and 200048 species changed to *Betula pendula*.

What happens next:

Tree planting will take place in the next planting season, December to March.

The trees will be under a period of establishment maintenance. They will be watered and checked weekly over the spring/ summer in year one and fortnightly in year two. Once established, the trees will be managed within the Council's tree maintenance programme and Tree Management Policies.

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

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