Summary of public comments:

Draft tree planting plan for Plummers Hill Open Space

November 2026

A draft tree planting plan was displayed in multiple locations in Plummers Hill Open Space and sent to local residents. In addition, it was added to the consultation page on the Bristol City Council website.

What happens next?

Tree planting will take place between December 2026 – March 2027

Comments received: We have given these comments consideration and provide responses below. Please note, we will only respond to comments that directly refer to the consultation.

Comment	Response
Support for planting	We received 19 emails in support of tree planting at Plummers Hill Open Space.
Can we volunteer to plant the trees?	Yes, the orchard tree planting session is due to take place on Wednesday 16th December from 10am. Separate emails will be sent to those who have expressed an interest in volunteering.
How large will the trees grow?	The trees will be planted on semi-dwarfing rootstock. They will grow to a maximum height of 3-4m.
What species will be planted?	The trees will be a mixture of heritage apples, pears and plums.
Will the brambles be cut back and replaced with a hedge?	The brambles will not be removed and replaced with a hedge at this time. The team can certainly investigate this as an option for future planting season.
Will the trees be maintained?	The trees will be maintained by the regular OTPC volunteer team. We do however support residents who would like regular involvement with training, tools and materials. Please do get in touch if you would like more information about becoming an Orchard Champion at Plummers Hill Open Space.
How will fallen fruit be managed in regard to the current rat population?	The trees won't begin fruiting until 3-4 years after planting. We encourage all residents and park users to pick and use the fruit.
Can there be a path through the trees?	Our orchards are planted in a grid formation roughly 4-5m apart. This helps with general maintenance, but it will also create pathways through the trees.

Visit the Bristol City Council Webpage for more information on One Tree Per Child community planting and woodland maintenance events.

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