

## Summary of public comments:

### Draft tree planting plan for Lockleaze Open Space

November 2024

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

Thank you to everyone for your comments.

#### What happens next?

Tree planting will take place between December 2024 – March 2025

**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
The wildflowers won't be able to grow in a forest.	The specific planting area has been chosen due to it being species poor, it is maintained amenity grassland and therefore regularly cut. The woodlands planted by OTPC will increase biodiversity over time – this has been shown in the additional grassland species now present in the woodland sections that were planted in the last few years.
The current new trees are planted too close together.	Thank you for this observation. We get asked if our trees are planted too close together regularly. They are not - we plant all our woodland trees at 2m spacing. This allows for natural thinning to take place as we know that a percentage of our tree will not survive. In time this will create natural glades within the woodland and provide a habitat for ground flora and pollinators.
Just planting trees to get the government subsidy – this site is an easy target	Bristol City Council are committed to planting more trees across the city as part of the One City Plan. Lockleaze Open Space has been identified as a site for the Nature Recovery Network – it will link up habitats across Bristol, creating a network for wildlife.
Please plant trees along the M32 to help reduce noise and fumes	OTPC have planted a wildlife hedge running alongside the M32.
Very supportive	Many thanks for your support.
How are you considering the preservation of existing trees/hedgerows in the park	All trees planted by OTPC receive regular maintenance visits by our volunteer team or other teams, for example the Stoke Park Community Group. Younger woodland trees receive aftercare such as weeding, re-mulching and formative pruning. Older woodlands are coppiced and thinned to encourage regeneration and biodiversity.

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

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