

Summary of public comments:

Draft tree planting plan for Troopers Hill Field

November 2024

A draft tree planting plan was circulated to residents and displayed in locations on the street. 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.

Comments	Response
Church Road especially is a road with heavy traffic, is visually uninspiring and lacks greenery - could we integrate some along there somehow?	Thank you for your comment. Our team will happily investigate this planting option.
I fully support the proposals for the community orchards and additional trees at both locations	Thank you for your support.
The area proposed for the orchard is used by children and families – could the orchard be placed elsewhere?	The location has been identified by park users – the orchard location has been located away from football goals to ensure that the new trees do not interfere with games taking place in the area.
Can we volunteer?	Yes absolutely, you'd be very welcome. Planting dates will be advertised on the OTPC website at the end of December.
The two specimen trees - these seem a good choice of location	Thank you for your support.
We would like to be assured that whichever species is chosen will not result in seedlings reaching Troopers Hill Local Nature Reserve which has is an	Thank you for your comments. This will be considered when deciding the final species.

important acid grassland and heathland habitat	
Orchard planting does not prevent the Parks operations team taking their grass cutting equipment directly onto Troopers Hill Field from the Malvern Rd entrance.	Thank you for your comments. This will be taken into account when marking up the new tree locations.
The public are able to walk straight onto the grass of Troopers Hill Field via a wide cut grass path from the Malvern Rd entrance	Thank you for your comments. This will be taken into account when marking up the new tree locations.
A good line of vision to continue across Troopers Hill Field from the Malvern Rd entrance and nearby housing to continue to deter anti-social behaviour and give people a feeling of safety on entering Troopers Hill Field	Thank you for your comments. This will be taken into account when marking up the new tree locations. The fruit trees will be on semi-dwarfing root stock, they will only reach a final height of roughly 3m.
That the cut grass passageway through the orchard is at an angle so from entering at the Malvern Rd entrance people can take the most direct route to the entrance to Troopers Hill Local Nature Reserve	Thank you for your comments. This will be taken into account when marking up the new tree locations.
Trees that produce suckers should be avoided given the lack of resource to do tree maintenance and that this section of the Field only has grass cut infrequently.	Thank you for your comments. We will not be planting trees that produce suckers.
If the orchard trees will require specialist	Maintenance and future pruning will be carried out by the OTPC volunteer team.

pruning who will carry this out	
I am greatly in support of this plan. I would like to see more ambitious planting; the community orchard could take up more space if funds allowed.	Thank you for your support. We will take your comment into account.
I would like to assist with tree planting in Troopers Hill	Yes absolutely, you'd be very welcome. Planting dates will be advertised on the OTPC website at the end of December.
Support plan for individual trees and orchard	Thank you for your support.

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