

**Report by:** Head of Streets and Open Spaces

**To:** West/Central Area Committee 23 September 2010

**Wards:** Castle, Newnham and Market

**Environmental Improvements Programme**

**1. DECISIONS TO BE MADE: -**

- **Midsummer Common & Jesus Green Tree Planting Scheme**  
*Decision: Whether to approve the scheme for implementation at an estimated cost of £50,000.*

## **2 EXISTING SCHEMES REQUIRING DECISIONS**

### **2.1 Midsummer Common & Jesus Green Tree Planting Scheme**

This scheme proposes to plant trees on Midsummer Common and Jesus Green following the earlier preparation of Conservation Plans for these spaces which identified an ageing tree population and the need to plant for the long-term future.

The main aims of the tree planting proposals are:

- To maintain and enhance a healthy tree stock on Midsummer Common and Jesus Green for present and future generations;
- Sustain and enhance the existing local historic and important landscape character, of which the trees are a key part.

This can be achieved by introducing a long-term tree planting and replacement strategy. By planting trees to a positive, structured layout supported by a management plan we can ensure that future generations will enjoy these treasured resources.

West/Central Area Committee reserved funding in 2009 within the Environmental Improvement Programme for this scheme. Since that time a public workshop and a public consultation have taken place to gauge opinion on how best to approach the long term strategy of tree replacement.

The public workshop in July produced advice and guidance from the community groups associated with the spaces, local residents and other organisations that have a special interest in these spaces. This feedback, which can be found in Appendix 1 of this report, was taken into account when developing the information that was issued as part of a further public consultation on both the proposed planting and the management of the spaces in the longer term. The consultation leaflet and questionnaire can be found in Appendix 2 of this report.

The wider public consultation period was from Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Two public exhibitions were held during this period, the first during the afternoon of Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August and the second during the daytime on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September. Both were well attended and successful in providing information on the proposals and gave members of the public an opportunity to discuss them with officers. The information was also available for comment online and at the City Council Customer Service Centre.

In total there were 293 responses received during the consultation period. A summary of the questionnaire results can be found in Appendix 3 of this report, and include responses that were received after the formal consultation period ended.

The consultation was very useful in highlighting concerns and issues related to the existing tree planting on Midsummer Common and Jesus Green as well as responses to the draft proposals.

One important result of the consultation responses will be the formulation of a detailed tree planting plan for the future, which will ensure that a clear tree replacement strategy is in place and that future residents of the City will also enjoy the trees on Jesus Green and Midsummer Common.

The results of the consultation questionnaire and resulting proposals are summarised in the tables overleaf, including a summary of any comments received for each question.

## MIDSUMMER COMMON AND JESUS GREE TREE PLANTING PROPOSALS

Final planting proposals in response to the public consultation held between Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2010

QUESTION (refer to questionnaire for full question)	NUMBER OF RESPONSES	MAJORITY RESPONSE	RESULTING PROPOSAL
Questions 1		Response revealed that the majority of the responses were from private individuals.	N/A
Question 2 – Midsummer Common central area.	244	<b>87.5% agreed</b> to keep the central area open and unplanted to accommodate events such as midsummer fair etc. and <b>84.7% agreed</b> that the entrances and exits to the Common should be identified with tree planting.	<b>Additional tree planting</b> on Butt Green and such locations as the path junction at the southern end of the Cutter Ferry Bridge. <sup>1</sup>
Question 3 (Area A) – Midsummer Common riverside towpath west of the Fort St. George.	234	<b>47.8% disagreed</b> with removing young, mixed species trees to replace with Willow. <b>96.1% agreed</b> with retaining the mature London Plane to the east of the Fort St. George.	<b>One tree to be planted</b> to help frame the view of the Fort St. George from the south.
Question 4 (Area B) - Midsummer Common riverside towpath east of the Fort St. George.	184	<b>66.8% agreed</b> with felling the diseased, young and early mature mixed species trees and the majority of these respondents agreed with replacing them with Willow trees spaced irregularly with groups of Black Poplar behind.	<b>Willow to be planted</b> along the Midsummer Common towpath east of the Fort. St. George.

<sup>1</sup> It should be noted that some of this planting is replacement planting for trees felled in 2009.

Question 5 (Area C) – Brunswick development area.	228	<b>91.7% agreed</b> that screening Elizabeth Way bridge and the Brunswick development site with groups of irregularly spaced large species trees would be the best approach.	<b>Groups of trees proposed</b> to the east of Cutter Ferry footbridge.
Question 6 (Area D) – between the Brunswick development site to Brunswick Walk	222	<b>74.8% agreed</b> that infill clusters of new tree planting on the slope but still allowing views to the river would be the preferred approach.	<b>Tight groups of trees proposed</b> on this boundary retaining views to the river for residents along Brunswick Terrace. <sup>2</sup> This section would be subject to a positive outcome from further consultation with residents.
Question 7 (Area E) Butt Green	228	<b>75.3% agreed</b> to more tree planting along the paths and <b>91.5% agreed</b> to tree planting to soften the view of the toilet block.	<b>Groups of trees are proposed</b> along the diagonal path from Four Lamps and around the toilet block. The proposed planting will not encroach into the central area of the Common.
Question 8 (Area F) Victoria Avenue (east side)	223	<b>82.5%</b> of responses revealed that felling and replacing the London Plane as and when they become <b>diseased and/or unsafe</b> would be the preferred approach to the management of this significant avenue of trees.	<b>No proposal at present time</b> but response noted for future proposals and management plan.
Question 9 (Area M) Victoria Avenue (northwest)	226	<b>60.2% disagreed</b> that removal of the random species mix on Jesus Green west of the Chestnut avenue.	<b>Do nothing</b> to this area.

<sup>2</sup> We are cognisant of the North Terrace residents' petition submitted as part of the consultation process and wish to point out the additional tree planting is proposed to the north of Brunswick Terrace only and that planting will maintain views to the river. We will carry out further consultation with residents before any planting takes place.

Question 10 (Area G) London Plane avenue	217	<b>93.1% agreed</b> that felling and replacing with the same species as and when the existing trees become <b>diseased and/or unsafe</b> .	<b>Continue with current replacement regime</b> of replacing as and when the existing trees become diseased and/or unsafe.
Question 10 (Area H) Lower Park Street to Victoria Avenue	223	<b>41.3% agreed</b> that more irregularly spaced trees adjacent to the path and based on the existing mixed species choice was the preferred approach.	<b>Further tree planting</b> along the path.
Question 11 (Area I) – Park Parade	228	<b>60.9% agreed</b> to felling the 3 no. Leylandii adjacent to the tennis courts and replacing with Lime. <b>76.7% disagreed</b> with the proposal to fell the Copper Beech along this boundary (non memorial trees) to replace with Lime.	Propose to <b>fell Leylandii</b> only and <b>replace with Lime</b> .
Question 12 (Area J) Cherry avenue	203	<b>78.8% agreed</b> to the approach of felling the existing cherry trees as and when they become <b>diseased and/or unsafe</b> and replacing them with the same or similar ornamental specie trees.	<b>No proposal</b> at present time but replace as and when the existing trees become diseased and/or unsafe.
Question 13 (Area K) Swimming Pool	202	<b>55.4% agreed</b> that the planting of a native species, unclipped hedge to replace the existing Leylandii hedge would be the best approach.	Proposal in line with the Heritage Lottery Bid to plant to the front, <b>bulking up the hedge line with a native specie hedge</b> , followed by a phased <b>removal of the Leylandii</b> .
Question 14 (Area L) : Towpath	223	<b>79.5% agreed</b> to the planting of Willows north of the towpath. <b>79.1% agreed</b> to the planting Lime to the south of the towpath.	<b>Additional tree planting</b> included where space permits.

The resulting proposals for both Midsummer Common and Jesus Green are also illustrated on plans, which can be found in Appendix 4 of this report.

The proposals for Midsummer Common would see the existing tree stock increased from 108 to 158, with 50 new trees and 10 replacements. Any new trees will also include the provision of necessary cattle guarding.

The proposals for Jesus Green would see the existing tree stock increased from 228 to 247, with 20 new trees, 5 replacements as well as replacement of the Leylandii hedge with a native unclipped species.

Any trees proposed to be replaced as part of these proposals will still be subject to the City Council Tree Protocol Procedure.

***Recommendation:*** That approval is given to implement this scheme to enable planting to take place during the imminent planting season at an estimated cost of £50,000.

***Decision:*** Whether to approve the scheme for implementation at an estimated cost of £50,000.

### **3 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Appendix 1; Public workshop event record.

Appendix 2: Public consultation leaflet and questionnaire.

Appendix 3: Summary of Consultation Results.

Appendix 4: Tree Proposals for Jesus Green and Midsummer Common

## 4 IMPLICATIONS

- a) **Equal Opportunities Implications:** These are taken into account on individual schemes.
- b) **Environmental Implications:** All of the projects seek to bring about an improvement in the local environment.
- c) **Community Safety:** This has been included as one of the assessment criteria agreed by Committee and is considered on each project.

## 7 INSPECTION OF PAPERS

To inspect or query the background paperwork or report, please contact,

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## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA - as agreed by Executive Councillor (Environment) on 18 March 2003 with amendments agreed 22 March 2005**

The essential criteria for consideration of funding of Environmental Improvement works are:

- Schemes should have a direct, lasting and noticeable improvement to the appearance of a street or area.
- Schemes should be publicly visible and accessible.
- Schemes must have the owners consent if on private land – unless there are exceptional circumstances by which Area Committee may wish to act unilaterally and with full knowledge and responsibility for the implication of such action.
- Schemes must account for future maintenance costs.

Desirable criteria – potential schemes should be able to demonstrate some level of:

- Active involvement of local people.
- Benefit for a large number of people.
- 'Partnership' funding.
- Potential for inclusion of employment training opportunities.
- Ease and simplicity of implementation.
- Potential for meeting key policy objectives (e.g. improving community safety or contributing to equal opportunities).

Categories of scheme ineligible for funding:

- Where a readily available alternative source of funding is available.
- Revenue projects.
- Schemes that have already received Council funding (unless it can be clearly demonstrated that this would not be 'top up' funding).
- Works that the City or County Council are under an immediate obligation to carry out (e.g. repair of dangerous footways)
- Play areas (as there are other more appropriate sources of funding including S106 monies)

The following categories of work were agreed as being eligible for funding by the Area Committees:

- Works in areas of predominately council owned housing
- Works to construct lay-bys where a comprehensive scheme can be carried out which not only relieves parking problems but achieves environmental improvement.

## **APPENDIX 1**

Public workshop Event Record 1 July 2010

Tree management and planting on Jesus Green and Midsummer Common			
Workshop 1 July 2010 : Event Record			
<b>JESUS GREEN</b>			
Issues identified	Group 1 comments	Group 2 comments	Group 3 comments
			Group 4 comments
Victoria Road Horse Chestnut Avenue	Co-ordinate with Midsummer common. Plant Oak + Elm in gaps between existing Chestnuts.	Follow same approach as Midsummer Common side of road.	Remove all existing chestnuts over next 5-15yrs to create gaps and replant to the outside of extg. Avenue with single large specie, e.g. London Plane, Oak.
London Plane avenue (Victoria Rd to Jesus Lock)	Replace London Plane in gaps as they fail.	Replace London Plane in gaps as they fail. Solve waterlogging problem.	
Path from Victoria Road to Lower Park St	Retain and replace cherries (not major structural planting). Plant more long lived trees in scattered planting.		
Bird cherry avenue (Jesus Lock to Park Parade)	Retain and replace bird cherries as they fail.	Allow to fail and replace in one activity.	
Riverside path trees	Retain views of river. Replace trees as extg. Fail. Replace lost trees with riverside specie.	Gap up and strengthen boundary.	Informal planting with some native species. Retain views across river.
Jesus Green pool boundary	Remove Leylandii + replace with appropriate specie. Continue informal planting (mixed).		Remove Leylandii + replace with evergreen hedge and manage Limes.
Existing open spaces	Retain as open spaces without tree planting.	Retain as open spaces without tree planting. Perimeter trees planted in informal style to follow Midsummer Common.	
Area around pavilion and lock keepers house	Area in need of enhancement (poor quality Birch).		
End of footpath adjacent to tennis courts.	Remove Leylandii.		
Path from Jesus Lock to Lower Park St		Plant new avenue.	

Tree management and planting on Jesus Green and Midsummer Common			
Workshop 1 July 2010 : Event Record			
<b>MIDSUMMER COMMON</b>			
Issues identified			
Group 1 comments	Group 2 comments	Group 3 comments	Group 4 comments
<b>Victoria Road Horse Chestnut Avenue*</b> Plant succession trees in gaps as far forward to road as poss. Elm/Oak?	Undecided on approach to planting location. Species choice - Carpinus, Tilia cordata, Fraxinus	Remove all existing chestnuts over next 5-15yrs to create gaps and replant to the outside of extg. Avenue with single large specie, e.g. London Plane, Oak.	Screen traffic movement. Retain avenue. Could fell all and start again.
<b>Central open spaces</b> Keep existing areas clear of any tree planting with mixed species perimeter planting			Retain open spaces and focus on boundaries. Do not jeopardise meadow areas.
<b>Area around footpaths to the north of Parsonage St and Auckland Rd</b> Plant single, long lived trees informally, particularly at junctions of paths, e.g. Oak + Elm.		Plant clusters of trees to create soft edge.	
<b>Riverside path</b> Replace recently felled Beech with large species tree	Strengthen river boundary possibly with Willow.	Consider green corridor and not formal line of trees with views kept to opposite bank. Suitable native species such as Willow. Arrange in clusters of trees with understorey and seating. Play with light and shadow. Plant between boat houses on opposite bank.	Informal planting and could be done in phases with Willow, London Plane, Black Poplar.
<b>Butt Green (Maids Causeway)</b> Screen toilet block	Species mix too varied.		
<b>Elizabeth Way bridge</b> Plant specimen trees from orchard towards Elizabeth Way bridge	Screen views.		
<b>Brunswick development</b>	Plant to screen development from Common.		Replant avenue in front of Brunswick development and possibly in front of allotments
<b>Southern boundary Area around Fort St. George</b>	Plant on contour line. Consider bold line or groups of large species trees but protect views from houses.  Plant groups of native specie trees.		Possible conflict between views for residents and users of common. Preserve views to river.
<b>Specimen Trees</b>		Consider new planting.	
<b>Walnut Tree Avenue</b>		Plant large, broad canopied trees such as Oak as shown on drawing. Plant at path junctions and bridge points as waymarkers.	Plant Walnut trees.

**APPENDIX 2 : PUBLIC CONSULTATION LEAFLET AND QUESTIONNAIRE**



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## TREE PLANTING ON JESUS GREEN AND MIDSUMMER COMMON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

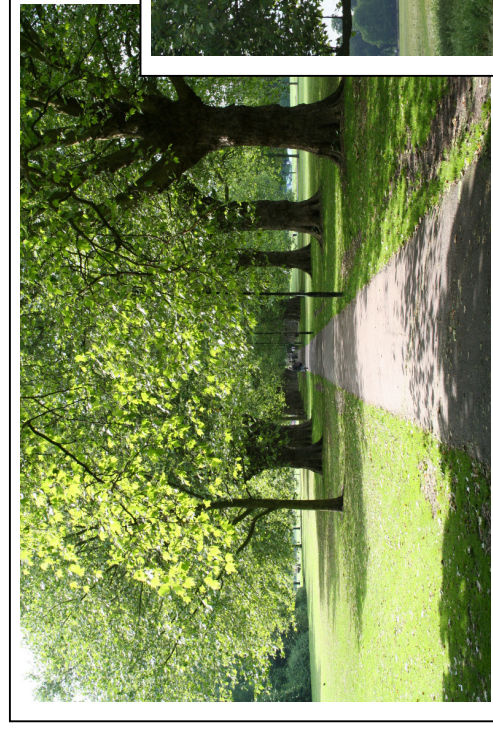
Cambridge City Council has prepared proposals for planting trees on Midsummer Common and Jesus Green because Conservation Plans for these spaces identified an ageing tree population and the need to plant for the long-term future. The tree planting is to be funded by West/Central Area Committee Environmental Improvement Programme.

The aim of the tree planting is to restore the historic planting layout and sustain the local landscape character. By planting trees to a positive, structured layout and supported by a long-term management plan we should ensure that future generations will enjoy these treasured resources.

The Council has met with and taken advice and guidance from the community groups associated with the spaces, local residents and other organisations who have a special interest in these spaces. The proposals are a result of those discussions.

The Council would now welcome your views on these proposals and asks you to complete the enclosed questionnaire. There are several ways you can return the questionnaire and this information is given on the form.

The closing date for this survey is noon on 10<sup>th</sup> September after which the results will be analysed and the final planting scheme produced. The analysis and planting scheme will be presented to West/Central Area Committee at a special Environmental Improvement Programme meeting to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2010 in the committee rooms at The Guildhall at 7.30 p.m.



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**Area K - Swimming Pool Area**  
To replace over-grown Leylandii hedge with new native species hedge

Fell the Leylandii trees and replace with:-

- an informal, unclipped hedge in the same location, OR
- a formal, clipped hedge.

**Area J - Cherry Avenue**  
To formulate a management strategy for the future

- Fell all existing trees at the same time and replace with small ornamental trees, OR
- Fell existing trees as they become unhealthy or unsafe (fall) and replace with small ornamental trees.

**Area L - Jesus Green towpath**  
To restore the historic planting layout

- Where possible plant Willows to the north of the towpath to tie in with riverside planting from Grantchester to Clayhite (Haling Way) AND
- Plant Lime trees to south of the towpath where trees have been removed and not replaced.

**Area M - West of Victoria Avenue**  
Provide a coherent layout for the future because the current mix of tree species and their spacing does not achieve this.

- Remove informal / random mix planting to the west of the chestnut trees on Victoria Avenue (Jesus Green) and plant with a line of single species, medium/large trees

**Area A - Fort St. George Riverside**  
To restore the historic planting layout and plant trees to frame the Fort St. George public house

- Remove young mixed species trees to the west of the Fort St George public house and replace with willow (managed as pollards),
- Retain the mature London Plane to the east of Fort St George

**Area B - Riverside Path**  
To restore the historic riverside layout and retain views of the river. London Plane and veteran pollarded Willows to be retained.

- Fell remaining young and early mature mixed species trees and replace with Willows (to be pollarded) at REGULAR spacings and a few Black Poplar in groups behind the Willows OR
- Fell remaining young and early mature mixed species trees and replace with Willows (to be pollarded) at IRREGULAR spacings and a few Black Poplar in groups behind the Willows

**Area G - London Plane Avenue**  
Formulate a long-term management strategy of the avenue

- Fell and replace trees with the same species, in the same location, when they become unhealthy or unsafe (fall)

**Area F - Victoria Avenue**  
Formulate a long-term management strategy for the avenue

As part of a programmed / managed replacement scheme:

- Fell all trees as they become diseased or unsafe and replace, OR
- Fell all trees now and replace, OR
- Fell alternate trees now and replace, OR
- Fell sections of trees now and replace

**Area I - Park Parade Boundary**  
To restore historic boundary planting

- Fell the Leylandii trees adjacent to the tennis courts and replace with Lime trees.
- Fell the Copper Beech trees and and replace with Lime trees.

**Area H - Lower Park Street Walk**  
To rationalise the number of species and make the layout more coherent.

- Provide formal avenue along the path with regularly spaced, large, single species trees, OR
- Provide informal, irregularly spaced trees adjacent to the path based on the existing species choice OR
- Do nothing to the area.

**Midsummer Common General**

- Keep central area of the Common clear for fairs etc.
- Identify entrances/exits to the Common with individual trees

**Area C - Brunswick development site**

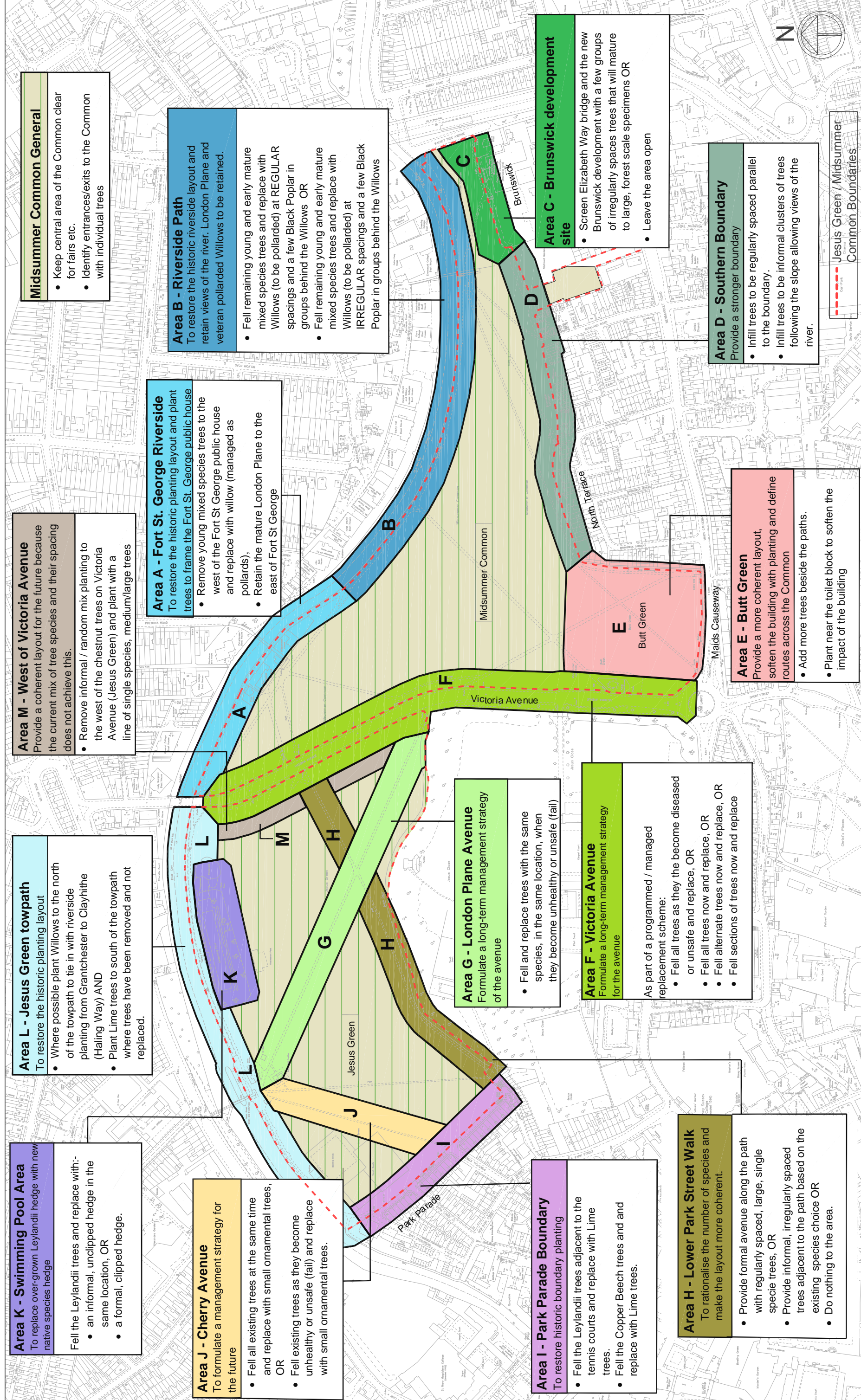
- Screen Elizabeth Way bridge and the new Brunswick development with a few groups of irregularly spaced trees that will mature to large, forest scale specimens OR
- Leave the area open

**Area D - Southern Boundary**  
Provide a stronger boundary

- Infill trees to be regularly spaced parallel to the boundary.
- Infill trees to be informal clusters of trees following the slope allowing views of the river.

**Area E - Butt Green**  
Provide a more coherent layout, soften the building with planting and define routes across the Common

- Add more trees beside the paths.
- Plant near the toilet block to soften the impact of the building



**General Notes**

- The proposals shown on this drawing have been formulated using ideas from a key stakeholder workshop held on 1 July 2010.
- Please respond to the issues shown using the accompanying questionnaire.
- The closing date for this consultation is noon on the 10 September 2010.

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## TREE PLANTING ON JESUS GREEN AND MIDSUMMER COMMON

**This questionnaire is accompanied by a plan showing the proposals and their locations. We would welcome your views. In each question there is space which can be used to expand your answer or give us more feedback.**

**WAYS TO RETURN YOUR RESPONSE FORM:**

1. Complete the on-line survey form which you will find at [www.cambridge.gov.uk](http://www.cambridge.gov.uk), OR
2. Download, complete and email to [parcs@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:parcs@cambridge.gov.uk), OR
3. Visit the Cambridge City Council Customer Service Centre, Mandela House, Regent Street, Cambridge and complete the questionnaire, OR
4. Visit our manned exhibitions on Midsummer Common on Thursday 26th August 2010 between 3.00p.m. and 6.00p.m. or on Jesus Green on Saturday 4th September 2010 between 10.00a.m. and 3.30p.m. and respond there.

**Please respond by noon on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2010 in order for your comments to be considered.**

**1 Are you responding to this consultation....**  
PLEASE TICK ONLY ONE BOX

a) As a private individual  <sub>1</sub>

b) On behalf of a group or organisation  <sub>2</sub>   
*(please tell us which one)*

c) In some other capacity  <sub>3</sub>   
*(please tell us what your interest is)*

**QUESTIONS 2 – 7 RELATE TO MIDSUMMER COMMON ONLY**

**2 The Common is well used by the public in many ways. In order to retain its key functions, e.g. as Midsummer and Strawberry Fairs, the centre of the Common should be kept open. Historically single trees have been planted to indicate where footpaths and bridges meet the Common, the Council would like to continue planting in these locations.**

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Unsure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a) Keep central area of common clear for fairs etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>
b) Identify entrances/exits to the common with individual trees	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>

**Comments**



**3**

**On the riverside at Midsummer Common the priorities are to restore the historic planting layout and to plant trees to frame the Fort St George public house.**

**Area A**

**Please tell us whether you like these proposals or not.**

**Refer to plan**

	<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Unsure</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>
a) Remove young mixed specie trees to the west of the Fort St. George public house and replace with willow ( <i>managed as pollards</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
b) Retain the mature London Plane to the east of Fort St. George	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

**Comments**

**4**

**On the riverside path between the Fort St George and the Elizabeth Way bridge the proposal is to restore the historic riverside layout and keep the views of the river open. The mature London Planes and the veteran pollarded willows would be retained.**

**Area B**

**Which of the approaches below do you prefer?**

**PLEASE TICK ONLY ONE BOX**

**Option a)** Fell remaining young and early mature mixed species and replace with Willows (to be pollarded) at REGULAR spacings and a few Black Poplar in groups behind the Willow **OR**  1

**Option b)** Fell remaining young and early mature mixed species and replace with Willows (to be pollarded) at IRREGULAR spacings and a few Black Poplar in groups behind the Willow **OR**  2

**Option c)** Don't know/unsure  3

**Comments**

## 5 Area C

Refer to plan

**Southern boundary; the Brunswick development site.**

**The proposal is to strengthen the boundary between Midsummer Common and its neighbours.**

**Which of the approaches below do you prefer?**

**PLEASE TICK ONLY ONE BOX**

**Option a)** to screen Elizabeth Way bridge and the new Brunswick development with a few groups of irregularly spaced trees that will mature to large, forest scale specimens **OR**

 1

**Option b)** to leave the area open **OR**

 2

**Option c)** Don't know/unsure

 3

Comments

## 6

### Area D

Refer to plan

**Southern boundary; west of Brunswick site to Brunswick Walk. The proposal is to strengthen the boundary.**

**Which of the approaches below do you prefer?**

**PLEASE TICK ONLY ONE BOX**

**Option a)** Infill trees to be regularly spaced trees parallel to the boundary **OR**

 1

**Option b)** Infill trees to be informal clusters following the slope allowing views to the river **OR**

 2

**Option c)** Don't know/unsure

 3

Comments

## 7

### Area E

Refer to plan

**Butt Green is the area between Midsummer Common and Maid's Causeway. The proposal is to provide a more coherent layout, soften the building with planting and to define routes across Midsummer Common.**

**Please tell us whether you like these proposals or not.**

	<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Unsure</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>
a) Add more trees beside the paths	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
b) Plant near the toilet block to soften the impact of the building	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

Comments

**QUESTION 8 RELATES TO THE HORSE CHESTNUT TREES GROWING ALONG VICTORIA AVENUE AND, THEREFORE, INVOLVES BOTH MIDSUMMER COMMON AND JESUS GREEN.**

<b>8</b>	<p><b>Victoria Avenue separates Jesus Green and Midsummer Common and the proposal is to formulate a long-term management strategy for the avenue.</b></p>
<p><b>Area F</b></p>	<p><b>Which of these approaches do you prefer?</b></p>
<p>Refer to plan</p>	<p><b>PLEASE TICK ONLY <u>ONE</u> BOX</b></p>
<p><b>Option a)</b> Fell trees <u>as they become diseased or unsafe</u> and then replace them <b>OR</b></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
<p><b>Option b)</b> Fell <u>all</u> trees now and replace <b>OR</b></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
<p><b>Option c)</b> Fell <u>alternate</u> trees now and replace them <b>OR</b></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
<p><b>Option d)</b> Fell <u>sections</u> of trees now and replace them <b>OR</b></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
<p><b>Option e)</b> Don't know /not sure</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
<p><b>Comments</b></p>	

**QUESTIONS 9 – 14 RELATE TO JESUS GREEN ONLY**

<b>9</b>	<p><b>West of Victoria Avenue Chestnuts. The proposal is to provide a coherent layout for the future because the current mix of tree species and their spacing would not achieve this.</b></p>				
<p><b>Area M</b></p>	<p><b>Please tell us whether you like this proposal or not.</b></p>				
<p>Refer to plan</p>	<p><b>PLEASE TICK ONLY <u>ONE</u> BOX</b></p>				
<p>Remove informal/random mix planting to the west of the chestnut trees and plant with a line of single species, medium/large trees</p>	<p><i>Strongly Agree</i></p> <input type="checkbox"/> 1	<p><i>Agree</i></p> <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<p><i>Unsure</i></p> <input type="checkbox"/> 3	<p><i>Disagree</i></p> <input type="checkbox"/> 4	<p><i>Strongly Disagree</i></p> <input type="checkbox"/> 5
<p><b>Comments</b></p>					

**10** London Plane avenue footpath. The proposal is to establish the long-term management of the avenue.

**Area G** Please tell us whether you like this proposal or not.

Refer to plan

	<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Unsure</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>
Fell and replace trees with the same species, in the same location, when they fail	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

**Area H** Lower Park Street to Victoria Avenue. The proposal is to rationalise the number of species and make the layout more coherent.

Refer to plan

Which of these approaches do you prefer?

PLEASE TICK ONLY ONE BOX

**Option a)** Provide a formal avenue along the path with regularly spaced, large, single specie trees **OR**  1

**Option b)** Provide informal, irregularly spaced trees adjacent to the path based on the existing species choice **OR**  2

**Option c)** Do nothing to the area **OR**  3

**Option d)** Don't know /unsure  4

Comments

**11** Park Parade. The proposal is to restore the historic boundary planting. Please tell us whether you like this proposal or not.

**Area I**

Refer to plan

	<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Unsure</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>
a) Fell the Leylandii trees adjacent to the tennis courts and replace them with lime trees	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
b) Fell the copper beech trees and replace with lime trees	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

Comments

**12** **Cherry Avenue from Jesus Lock to Park Parade. The proposal is to establish the long-term management of the avenue and to achieve this the options are listed below.**

**Area J**

Refer to plan **Which of these approaches do you prefer?**  
**PLEASE TICK ONLY ONE BOX**

**Options a)** Fell all existing trees at the same time and replace with small ornamental specie trees **OR** <sub>1</sub>

**Option b)** Fell trees as they fail and replace with small ornamental specie trees <sub>2</sub>

**Option c)** Don't know/unsure <sub>3</sub>

**Comments**

**13** **Swimming pool. The swimming pool is surrounded by mature lime trees and a Leylandii hedge beneath. The Leylandii have grown too high and the proposal is to remove them and plant a new hedge using native species.**

**Area K**

Refer to plan **Which of these approaches do you prefer?**  
**PLEASE TICK ONLY ONE BOX**

**Option a)** An informal, unclipped hedge **OR** <sub>1</sub>

**Option b)** A formal, clipped hedge **OR** <sub>2</sub>

**Option c)** Don't know/unsure <sub>3</sub>

**Comments**

**14**

**Towpath. The proposal is to restore the historic planting layout.**

**Area L**

**Which of these approaches do you prefer?**

**PLEASE TICK ONLY ONE BOX**

**Refer to plan**

	<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Unsure</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>
a) Where possible plant Willows to the north of the towpath to tie in with riverside planting from Grantchester to Clayhithe ( <i>Haling Way</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
b) Plant Lime trees south of the towpath where trees have been removed and not replaced	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

**Comments**

## **WAYS TO RETURN YOUR RESPONSE FORM:**

1. Complete the on-line survey form which you will find at [www.cambridge.gov.uk](http://www.cambridge.gov.uk), OR
2. Download, complete and email to [parks@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:parks@cambridge.gov.uk), OR
3. Visit the Cambridge City Council Customer Service Centre, Mandela House, Regent Street, Cambridge and complete, OR
4. Visit our manned exhibitions on Midsummer Common on Thursday 26th August 2010 between 3.00p.m. and 6.00p.m. or on Jesus Green on Saturday 4th September 2010 between 10.00a.m. and 3.30p.m. and respond there.

**Return address for your completed questionnaire (you don't need a stamp):**

**Phil Back Associates Ltd.,  
FREEPOST RSEH-LKKL-AGXY,  
Boston House, 212-214 High Street, Boston Spa, WETHERBY LS23 6AD**

**Please respond by noon on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2010 in order for your comments to be considered.**

**Thank you for your time.**

**APPENDIX 3 : QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE SUMMARY**

**Question 1**

Are you responding to this consultation....

	Response Percent	Response Count
As a private individual	97.0%	259
On behalf of a group or organisation	3.0%	8
In some other capacity	0.0%	0
<i>answered question</i>		267
<i>skipped question</i>		0

Which organisation or group do you represent?

	Response Count
	7
<i>answered question</i>	7
<i>skipped question</i>	260

Please tell us what the nature of your interest is.

	Response Count
	0
<i>answered question</i>	0
<i>skipped question</i>	267



**Question 2 : Midsummer general**

**The Common is well used by the public in many ways. In order to retain its key functions, e.g. as Midsummer and Strawberry Fairs, the centre of the common should be kept open.**

**Historically, single trees have been planted to indicate where footpaths and bridges meet the Common, the Council would like to continue planting in these locations.**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Unsure	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Response Count
Keep central area of Common clear for fairs etc.	<b>50.0% (120)</b>	37.5% (90)	3.8% (9)	5.8% (14)	2.9% (7)	240
Identify entrances/exits to the common with individual trees	<b>45.3% (107)</b>	39.4% (93)	10.6% (25)	3.4% (8)	1.3% (3)	236
						47
					Comments?	
					<i>answered question</i>	<b>244</b>
					<i>skipped question</i>	<b>23</b>

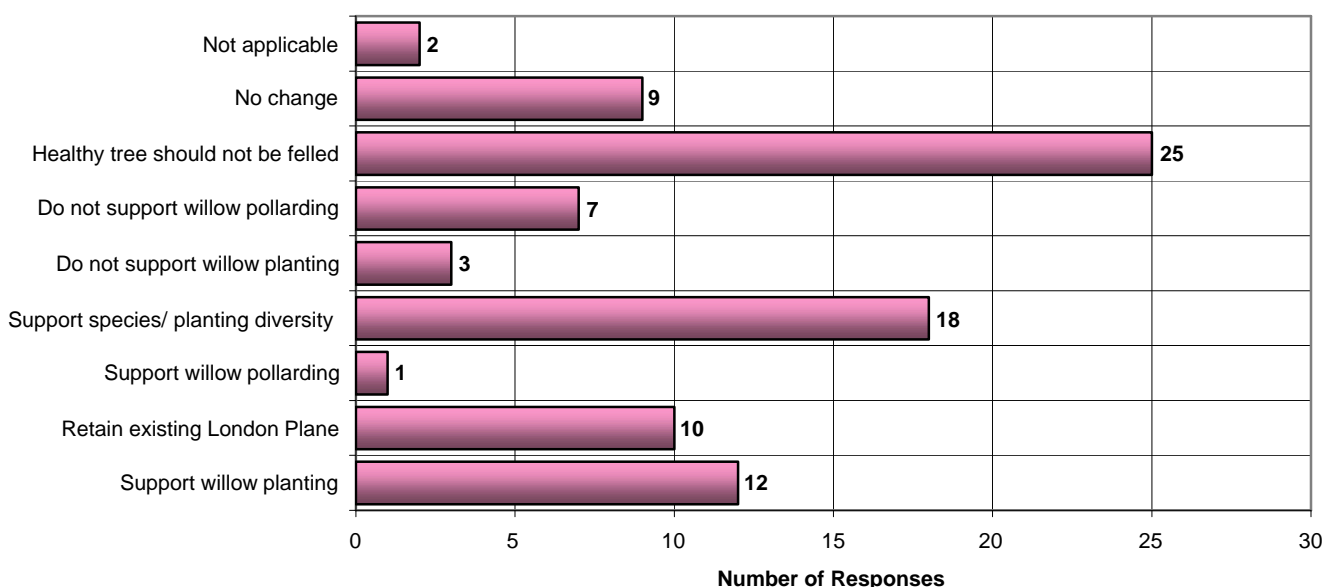
**Question 3 : Area A**

**On the riverside at Midsummer Common the priorities are to restore the historic planting layout and to plant trees to frame the Fort St. George public house.**

**Please tell us whether you like these proposals or not.**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Unsure	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Response Count
Remove young mixed specie trees to the west of the Fort St. George public house and replace with willow (managed as pollards)	11.7% (27)	20.0% (46)	20.4% (47)	21.3% (49)	26.5% (61)	230
Retain the mature London Plane to the east of Fort St. George	76.2% (176)	19.9% (46)	3.5% (8)	0.4% (1)	0.0% (0)	231
<b>Comments?</b>						64
<i>answered question</i>						<b>234</b>
<i>skipped question</i>						<b>33</b>

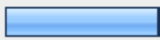
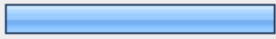
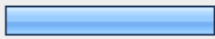
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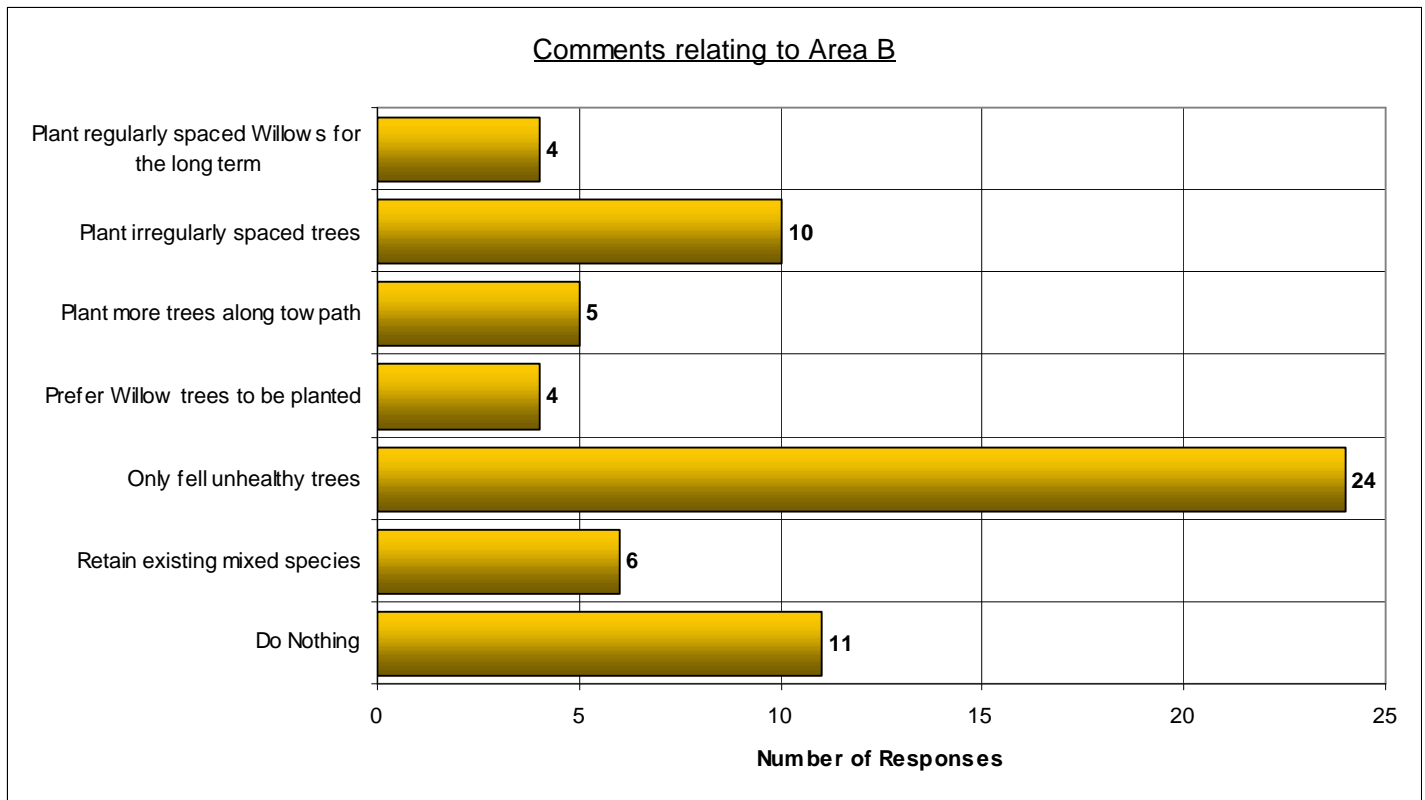


**Question 4 : Area B**

On the riverside path between the Fort St George and the Elizabeth Way bridge the proposal is to restore the historic riverside layout and keep the views of the river open. The mature London Planes and the veteran pollarded willows would be retained.

Which of the approaches below do you prefer?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Fell remaining young and early mature mixed species and replace with Willows (to be pollarded) at <b>REGULAR</b> spacings and a few Black Poplar in groups behind the Willow 	23.9%	44
Fell remaining young and early mature mixed species and replace with Willows (to be pollarded) at <b>IRREGULAR</b> spacings and a few Black Poplar in groups behind the Willow 	42.9%	79
Don't know/unsure 	33.2%	61
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	<b>Comments?</b>	
	<i>answered question</i>	<b>184</b>
	<i>skipped question</i>	<b>83</b>



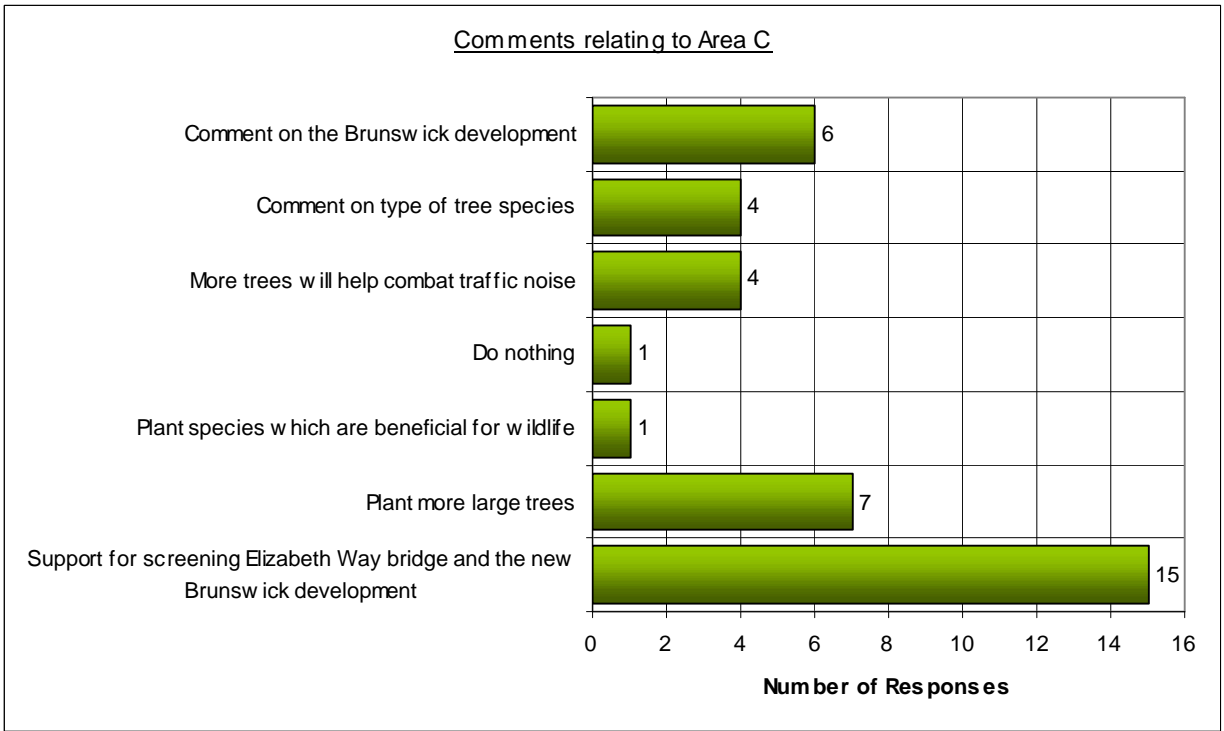
**Question 5 : Area C**

**Southern boundary; the Brunswick development site.**

**The proposal is to strengthen the boundary between Midsummer Common and its neighbours.**

**Which of the approaches below do you prefer?**




	Response Percent	Response Count
To screen Elizabeth Way bridge and the new Brunswick development with a few groups of irregularly spaced trees that will mature to large, forest scale specimens	91.7%	209
To leave the area open	5.3%	12
Don't know/unsure	3.1%	7
<b>Comments?</b>		46
<b>answered question</b>		<b>228</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>39</b>



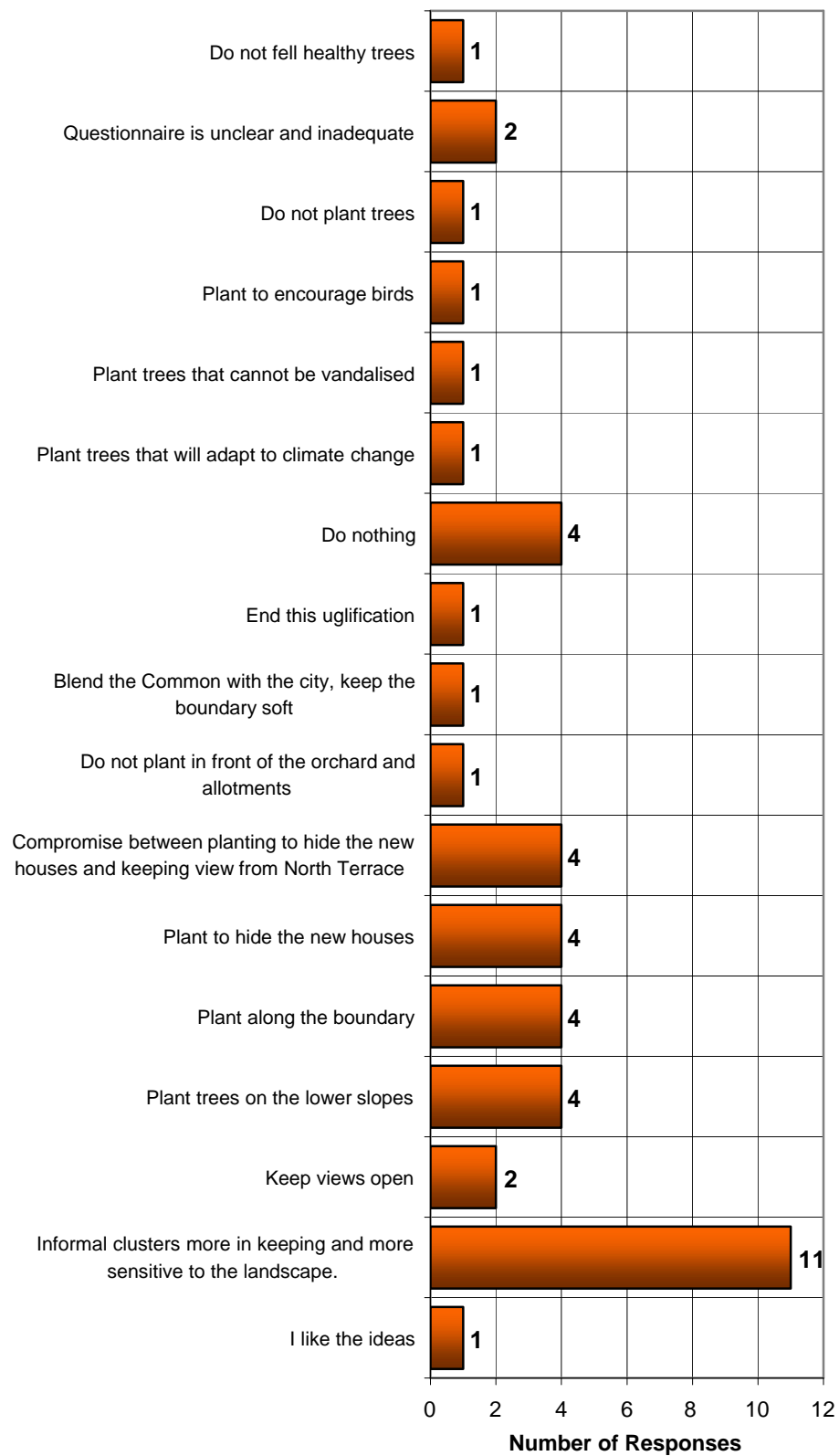
**Question 6 : Area D**

**Southern boundary; west of Brunswick site to Brunswick Walk. The proposal is to strengthen the boundary.**

**Which of the approaches below do you prefer?**

	Response Percent	Response Count
Infill trees to be regularly spaced trees parallel to the boundary 	15.8%	35
<b>Infill trees to be informal clusters following the slope allowing views to the river</b> 	<b>74.8%</b>	<b>166</b>
Don't know/unsure 	9.5%	21
		36
	<b>Comments?</b>	
	<i>answered question</i>	<b>222</b>
	<i>skipped question</i>	<b>45</b>

Comments relating to Area D



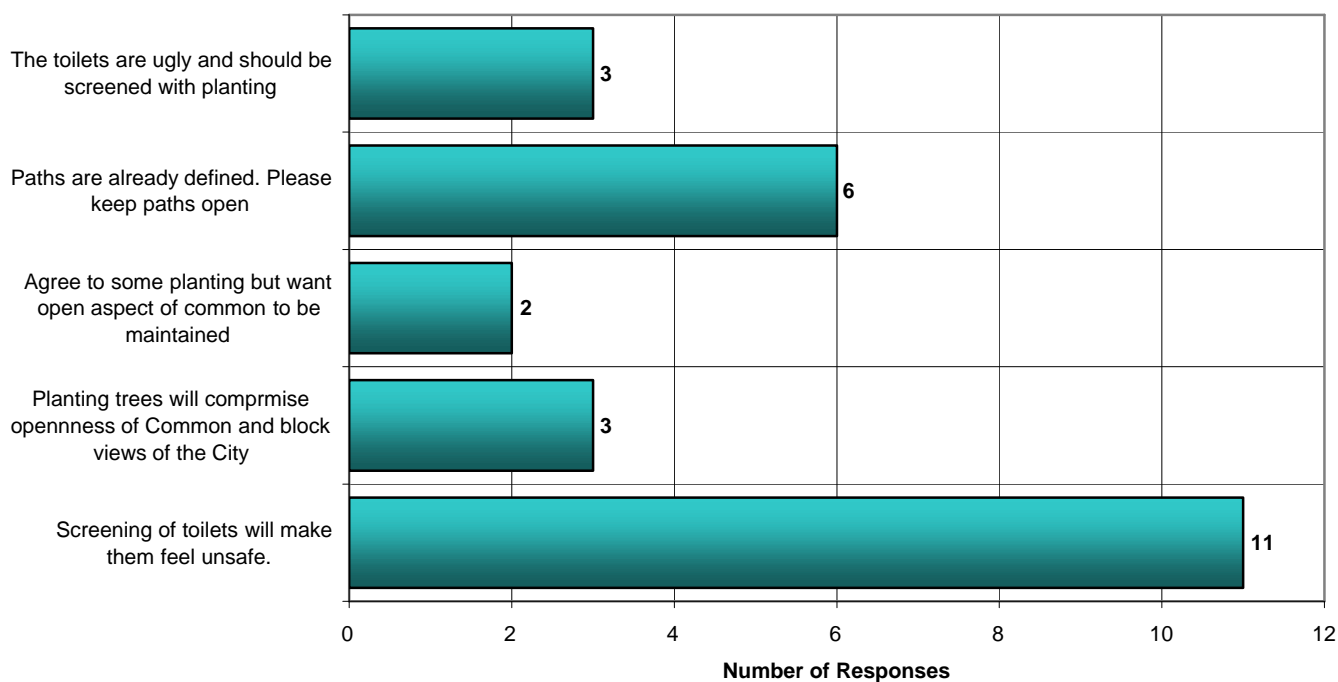
**Question 7 : Area E**

**Butt Green is the area between Midsummer Common and Maid’s Causeway. The proposal is to provide a more coherent layout, soften the building with planting, and to define routes across Midsummer Common.**

**Please tell us whether you like these proposals or not.**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Unsure	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Response Count
Add more trees beside the paths	42.9% (94)	32.4% (71)	11.0% (24)	8.7% (19)	5.0% (11)	219
Plant near the toilet block to soften the impact of the building	63.2% (141)	28.3% (63)	3.6% (8)	1.8% (4)	3.1% (7)	223
						49
					<b>Comments?</b>	
					<i>answered question</i>	<b>228</b>
					<i>skipped question</i>	<b>39</b>

Comments relating to Area E





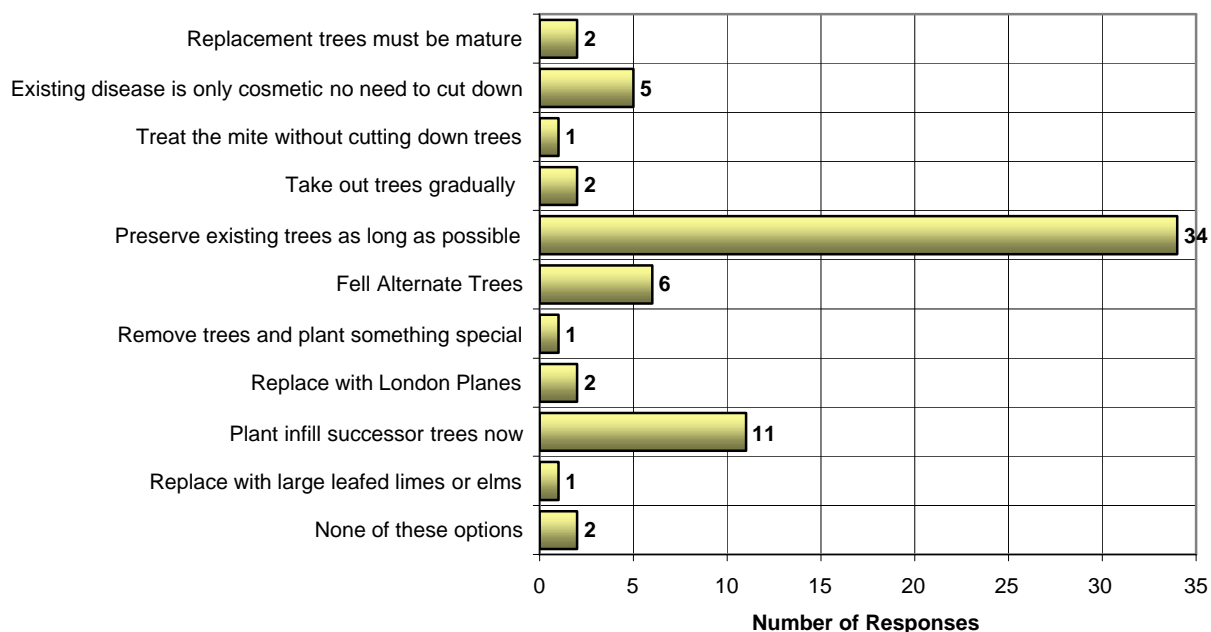
**Question 8 : Area F**

**Victoria Avenue separates Jesus Green and Midsummer Common and the proposal here is to formulate a long term management strategy for the avenue.**

**Which of these approaches do you prefer?**

	Response Percent	Response Count
Fell trees as they become diseased or unsafe and then replace them	82.5%	184
Fell <b>all</b> trees now and replace	2.7%	6
Fell <b>alternate</b> trees now and replace them	10.3%	23
Fell <b>sections</b> of trees now and replace them	1.3%	3
Don't know /not sure	3.1%	7
<b>Comments?</b>		105
<b>answered question</b>		223
<b>skipped question</b>		44

Comments relating to Area F



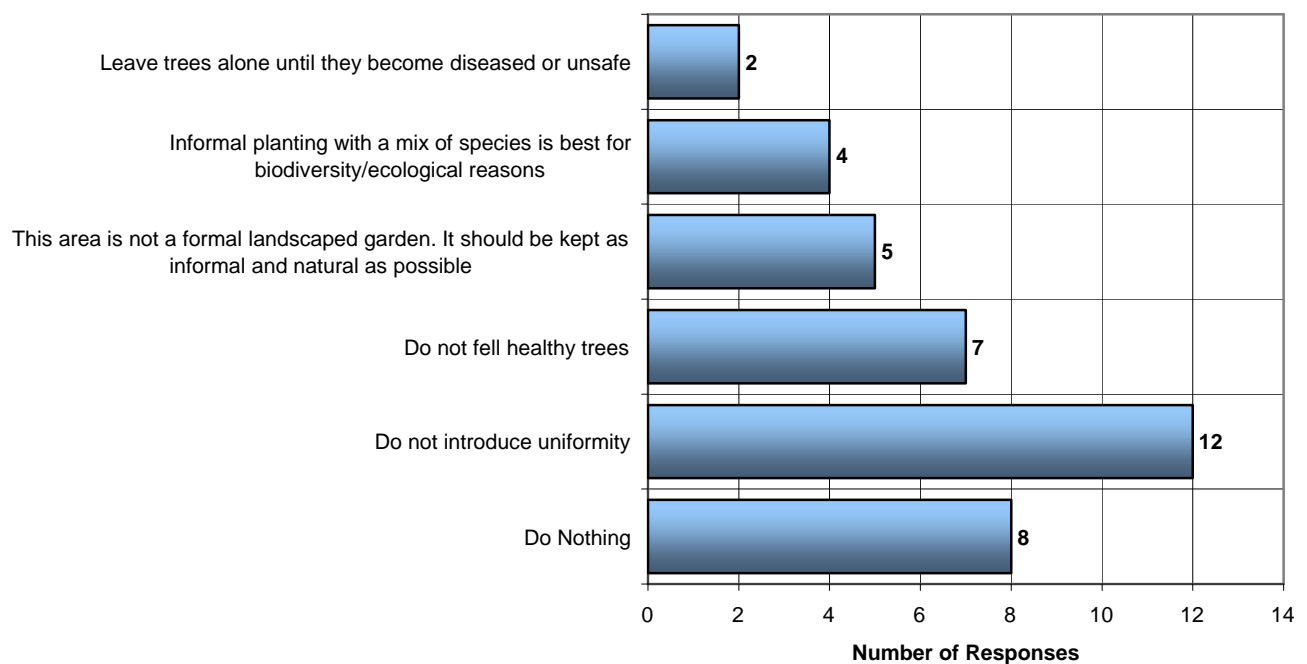
**Question 9 : Area M**

**West of Victoria Avenue Chestnuts. The proposal is to provide a coherent layout for the future because the current mix of tree species and their spacing would not achieve this.**

**Please tell us whether you like this proposal or not.**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Unsure	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Response Count
Remove informal/random mix planting to the west of the chestnut trees and plant with a line of single species, medium/large trees	7.1% (16)	16.4% (37)	16.4% (37)	20.4% (46)	<b>39.8% (90)</b>	226
					<b>Comments?</b>	75
	<b>answered question</b>					<b>226</b>
	<b>skipped question</b>					<b>41</b>

Comments relating to Area M



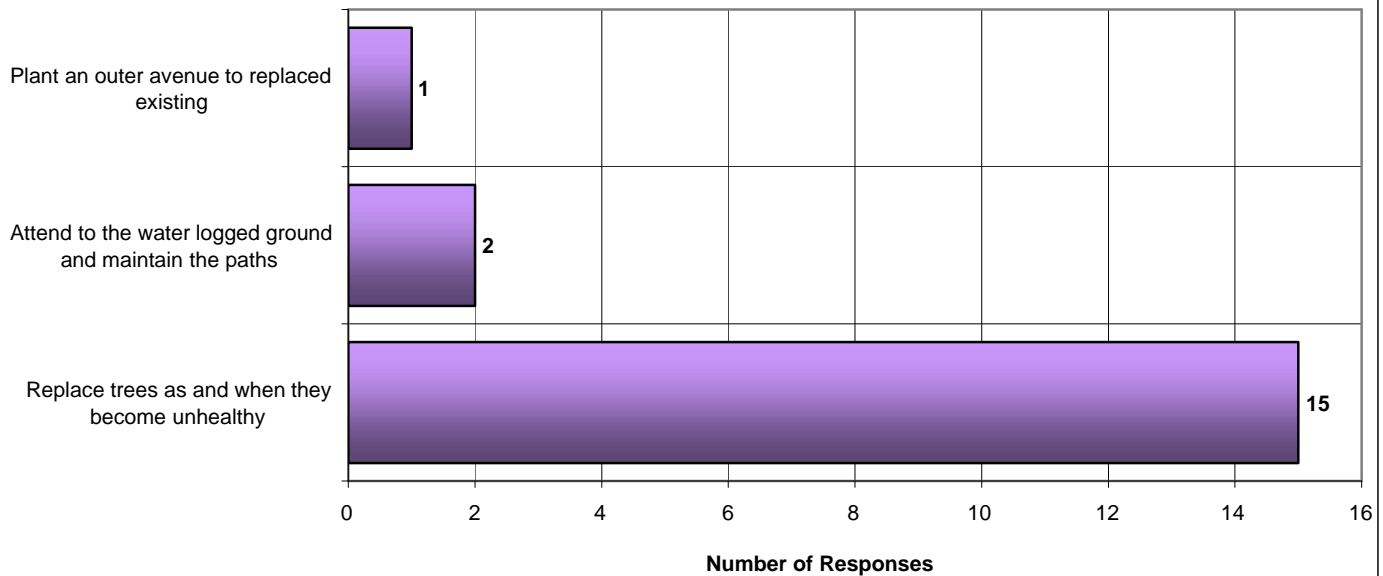
**Question 10 : Area G**

**London Plane avenue footpath. The proposal is to establish the long-term management of the avenue.**

**Please tell us whether you like this proposal or not.**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Unsure	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Response Count
Fell and replace trees with the same species, in the same location, when they fail	61.3% (133)	31.8% (69)	3.2% (7)	1.4% (3)	2.3% (5)	217
<i>answered question</i>						217
<i>skipped question</i>						50

Comments relating to Area G



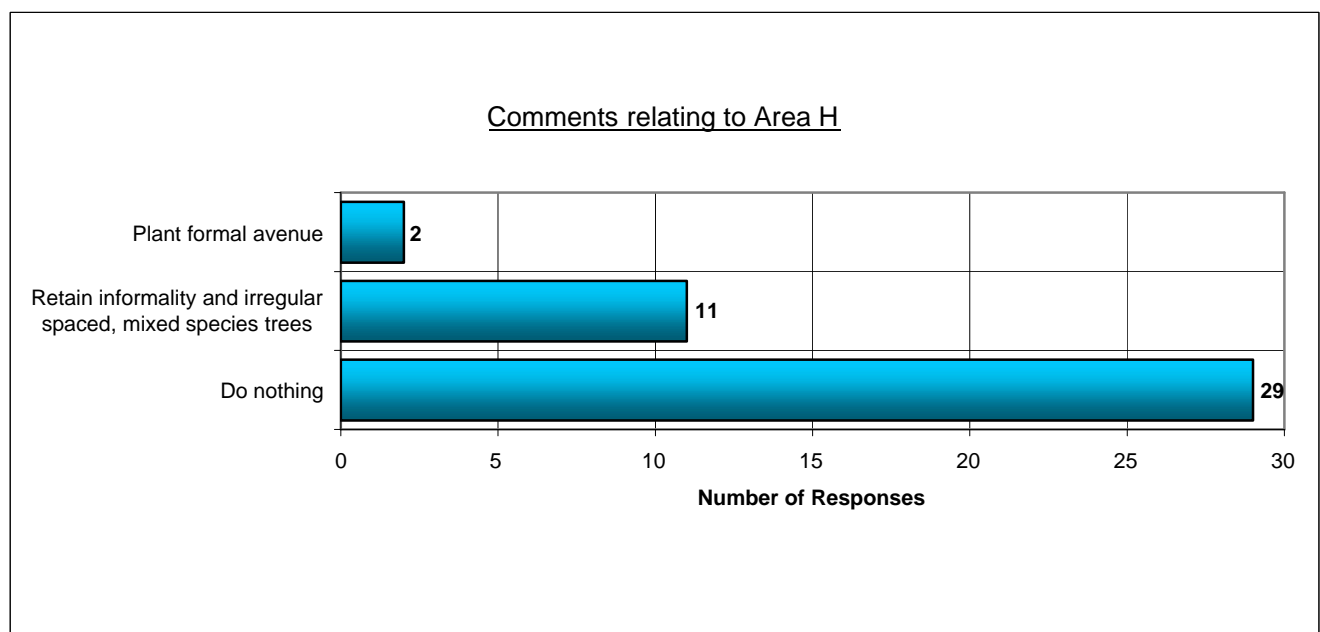
**Question 10 : Area H**



**Lower Park Street to Victoria Avenue. The proposal is to rationalise the number of species and make the layout more coherent.**

**Which of these approaches do you prefer?**

	Response Percent	Response Count
Provide a <b>formal</b> avenue along the path, with regularly spaced, large single specie trees	16.6%	37
<b>Provide informal, irregularly spaced trees adjacent to the path, based on the existing species choice</b>	<b>41.3%</b>	<b>92</b>
Do nothing to the area	37.7%	84
Don't know /unsure	4.5%	10
<b>Comments?</b>		71
<i>answered question</i>		<b>223</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>44</b>



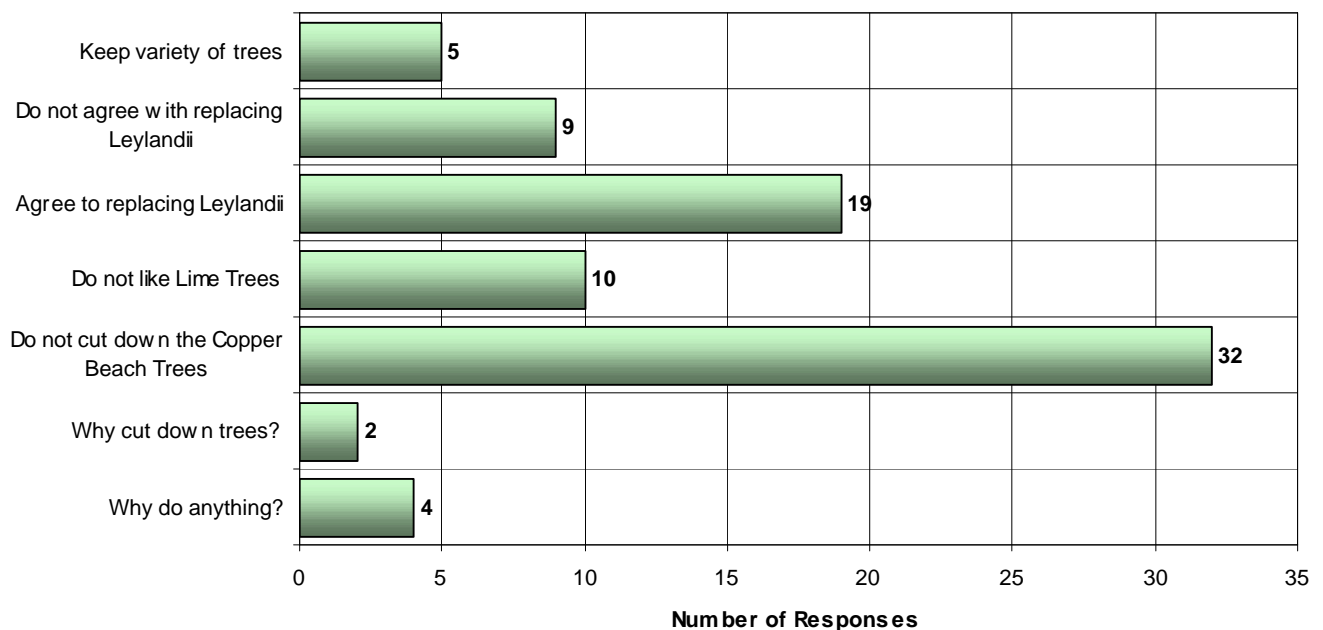
**Question 11 : Area I**

**Park Parade. The proposal is to restore the historic boundary planting.**

**Please tell us whether you like this proposal or not.**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Unsure	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Response Count
Fell the Leylandii trees adjacent to the tennis courts and replace them with lime trees	<b>36.8% (84)</b>	24.1% (55)	10.1% (23)	10.1% (23)	18.9% (43)	228
Fell the copper beech trees and replace with lime trees	4.0% (9)	4.0% (9)	15.2% (34)	19.6% (44)	<b>57.1% (128)</b>	224
						85
					<b>Comments?</b>	
					<i>answered question</i>	<b>228</b>
					<i>skipped question</i>	<b>39</b>




Comments relating to Area I



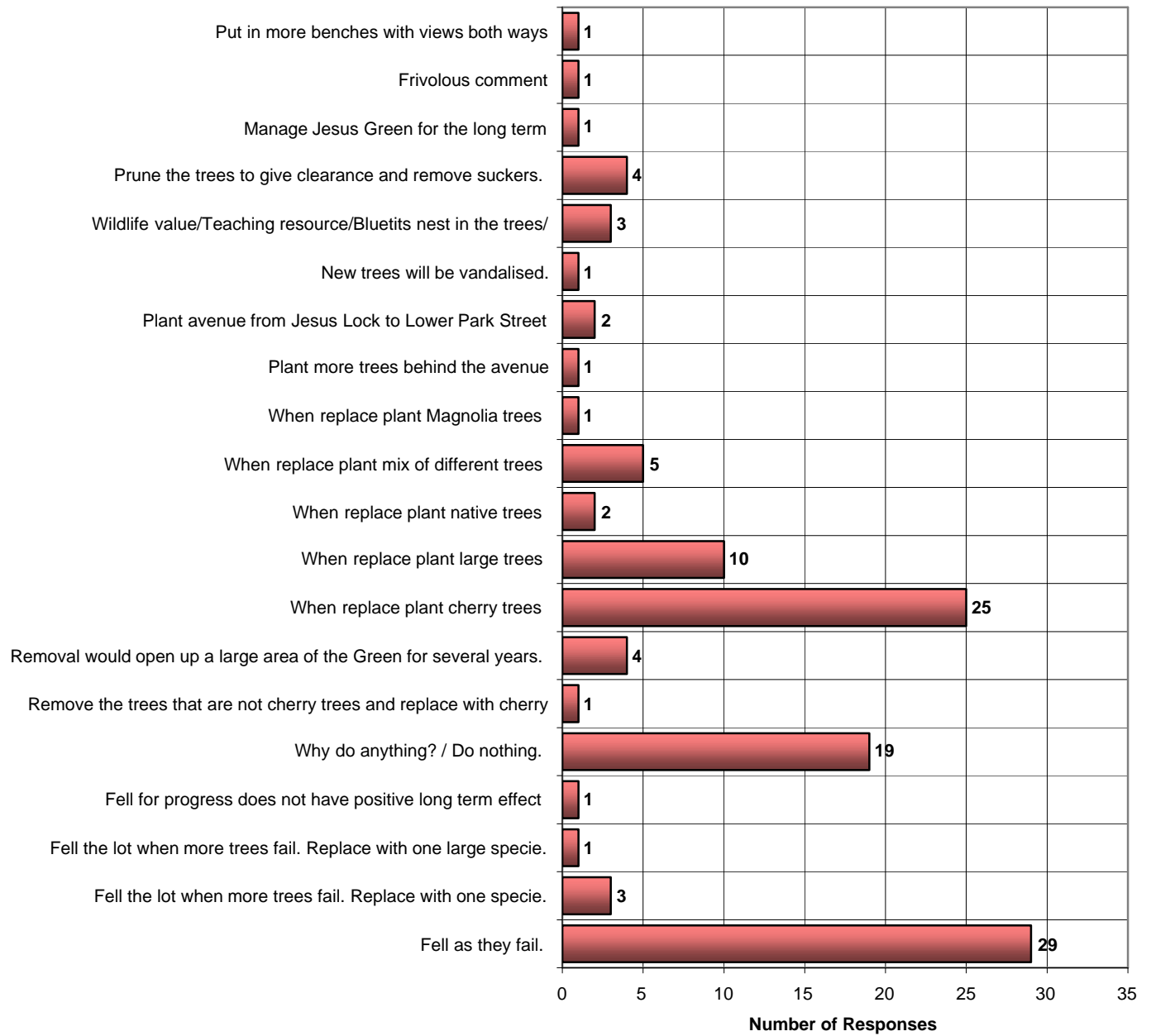
**Question 12 : Area J**

**Cherry Avenue from Jesus Lock to Park Parade. The proposal is to establish the long-term management of the avenue and to achieve this the options are listed below.**

**Which of these approaches do you prefer?**

	Response Percent	Response Count
Fell <b>all</b> existing trees at the same time and replace with small ornamental specie trees 	8.4%	17
Fell trees as they fail and replace with small ornamental specie trees 	78.8%	160
Don't know /unsure 	12.8%	26
<b>Comments?</b>		101
<b>answered question</b>		<b>203</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>64</b>

Comments Relating to Area J

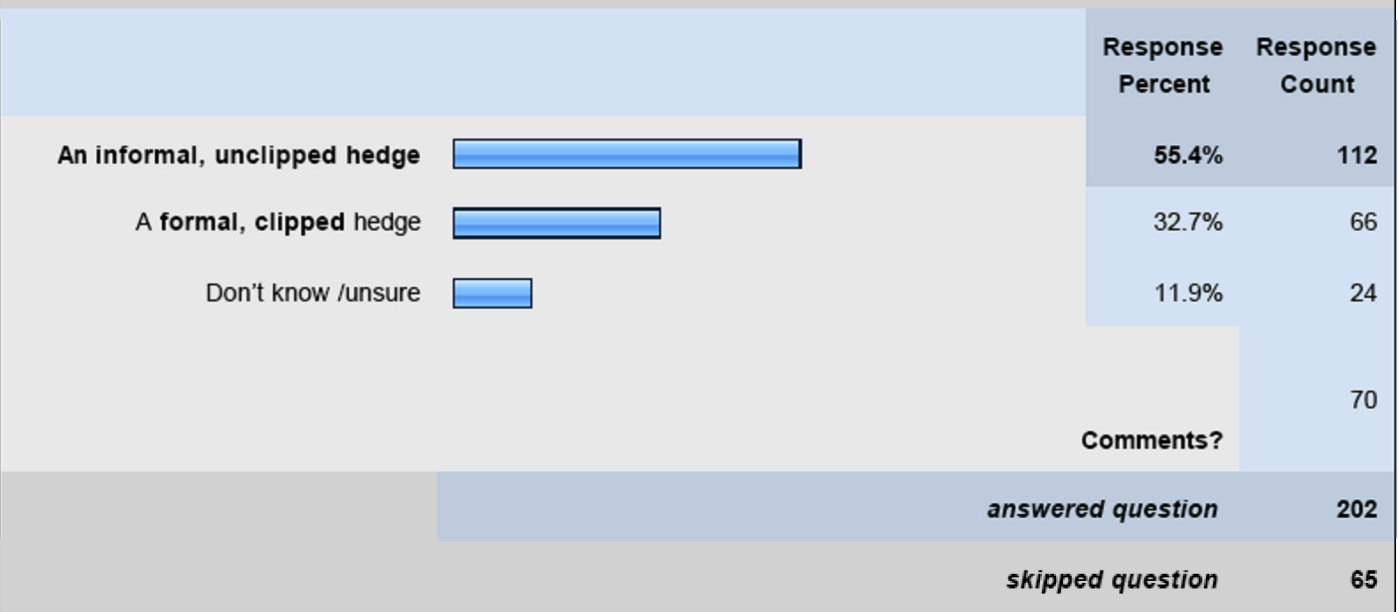


**Question 13 : Area K**

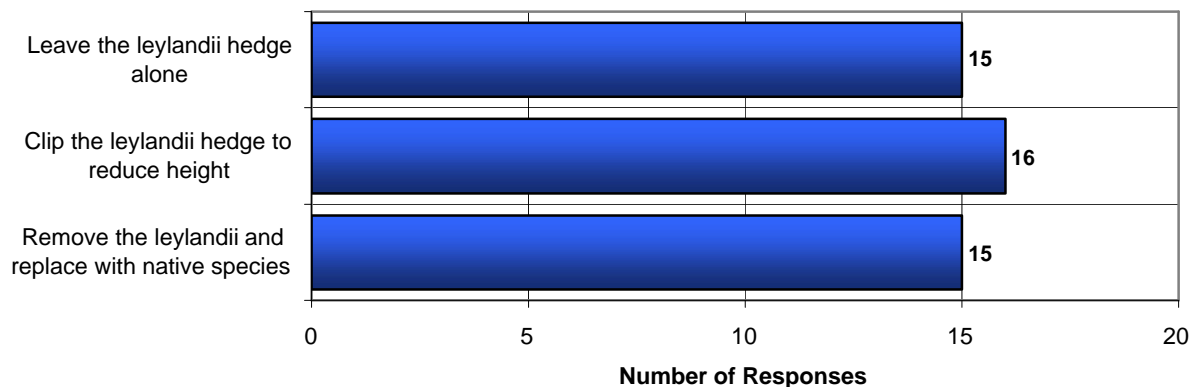
**Swimming pool. The swimming pool is surrounded by mature lime trees and a Leylandii hedge beneath.**

**The Leylandii have grown too high and the proposal is to remove them and plant a new hedge using native species.**

**Which of these approaches do you prefer?**



Comments relating to Area K





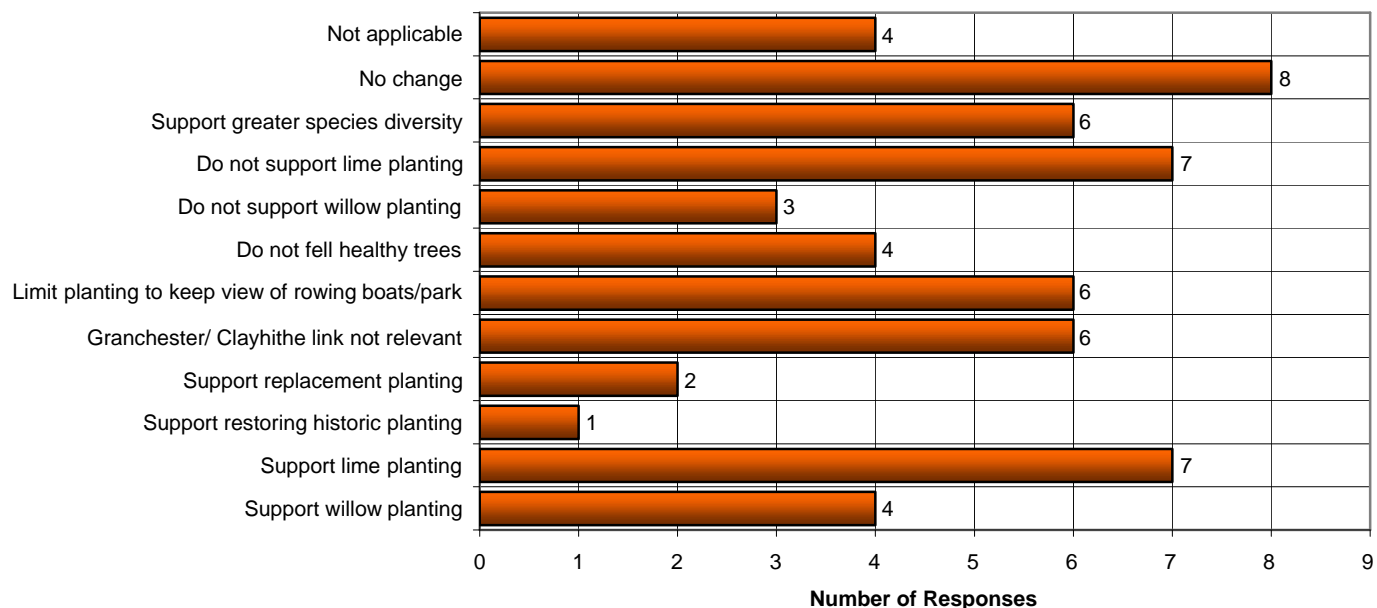
**Question 14 : Area L**

**Towpath.** The proposal is to restore the historic planting layout.

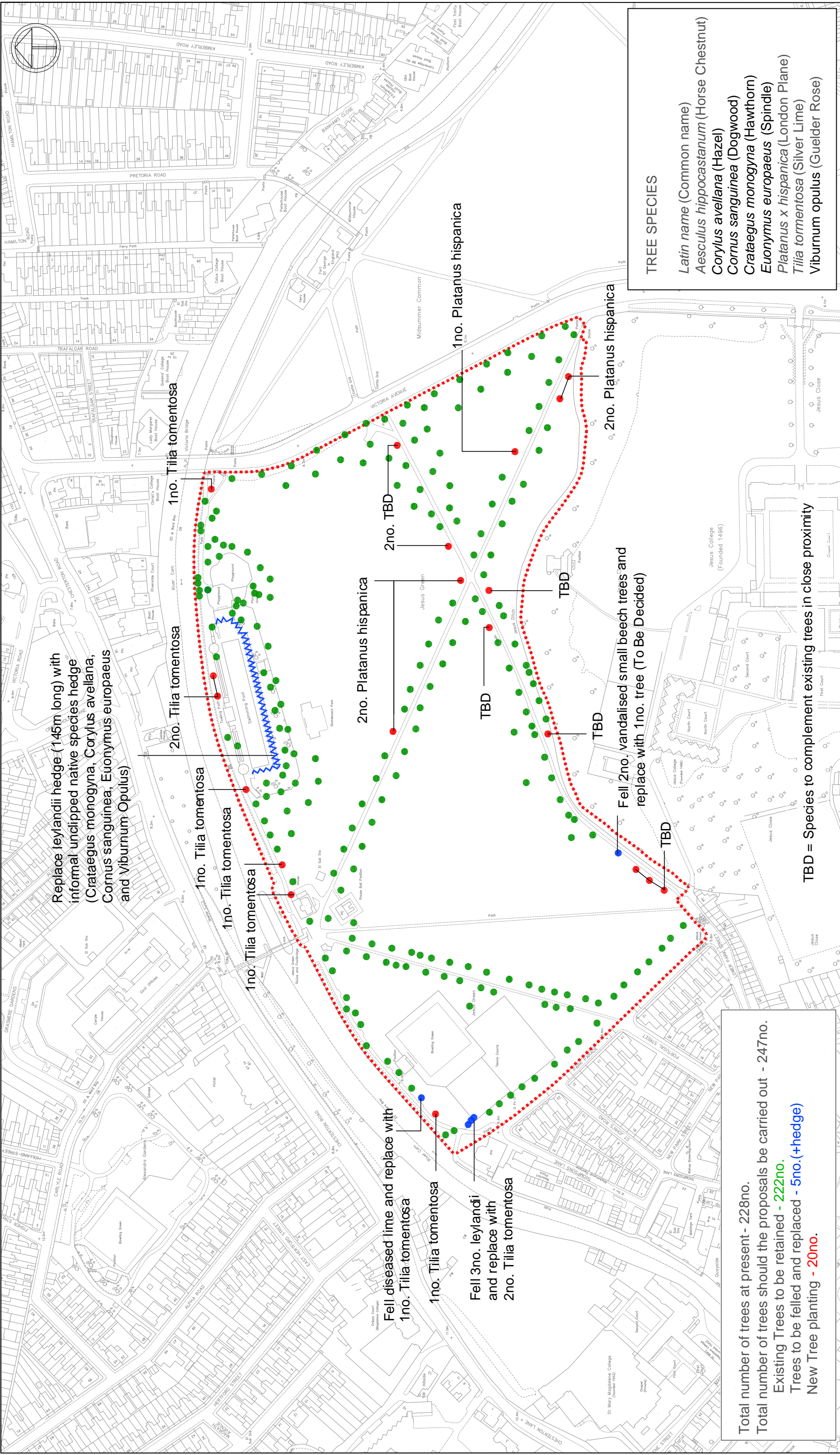
**Which of these planting approaches do you prefer?**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Unsure	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Response Count
Where possible plant Willows to the north of the towpath to tie in with riverside planting from Grantchester to Clayhithe ( <i>Haling Way</i> )	<b>48.9% (107)</b>	30.6% (67)	8.2% (18)	6.8% (15)	5.5% (12)	219
Plant lime trees south of the towpath where trees have been removed and not replaced	<b>43.7% (90)</b>	35.4% (73)	12.1% (25)	6.8% (14)	1.9% (4)	206
						45
					<b>Comments?</b>	
					<i>answered question</i>	<b>223</b>
					<i>skipped question</i>	<b>44</b>

Comments relating to Area L



**APPENDIX 4 : TREE PLANTING PROPOSALS**



**TREE SPECIES**

Latin name (Common name)
<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i> (Horse Chestnut)
<i>Corylus avellana</i> (Hazel)
<i>Cornus sanguinea</i> (Dogwood)
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i> (Hawthorn)
<i>Euonymus europaeus</i> (Spindle)
<i>Platanus x hispanica</i> (London Plane)
<i>Tilia tomentosa</i> (Silver Lime)
<i>Viburnum opulus</i> (Guelder Rose)

Total number of trees at present - 228no.  
 Total number of trees should the proposals be carried out - 247no.  
 Existing Trees to be retained - 222no.  
 Trees to be felled and replaced - 5no. (+hedge)  
 New Tree planting - 20no.

<p><b>ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT</b></p> <p><b>URBAN DESIGN TEAM</b></p> <p>Simon Payne, Director of Environment and Planning          CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL          The Guildhall Cambridge CB2 3QJ          Tel: 01223 - 457200 or 457201</p>	<p>Scale  <b>1:1250 @ A1</b></p>	<p>By:  <b>CBJ</b></p>	<p>Date  <b>14.09.10</b></p>
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<p>DO NOT SCALE          The drawing is not based on detail site surveys. Position of any proposed trees are subject to locations of existing underground/above ground services. Figured dimensions must be taken in preference to scaled dimensions. Contractors, sub-contractors and suppliers must verify all dimensions on site before commencing any work or making any shop drawings. Discrepancies to be brought to the contract administrator's / landscape architect's attention.</p>		<p>Drawing:  <b>2010-11 TREE PLANTING PROPOSALS</b></p>	
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