

Report for: Environment & Community Safety Scrutiny Panel – 5 September 2022

Title: Tree Planting Update

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Ward(s) affected: All

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Non Key Decision:** Key Decision

1. Introduction

1.1. The purpose of this briefing is to update the panel on the tree planting programme completed in 2021/22; provide current details about tree planting for the 22/23 planting programme; and some wider detail about further work to develop an Urban Forest Plan for Haringey.

2. Tree Planting in 2021/22

2.1. During the last planting season, the council planted 571 new trees. Of those trees 475 were new street trees or in an adjacent verge. 415 of the new street trees planted were in new locations, the remaining 60 were planted where trees had previously been removed. 96 trees were planted in parks or on housing land.

2.2. The following table provides a breakdown by Ward (pre May 22) of the 571 newly planted trees.

Ward	Total planted in each ward
Alexandra	12
Bruce Grove	28
Crouch End	9
Fortis Green	21
Harringay	17
Highgate	27
Hornsey	9
Muswell Hill	16
Noel Park	84
Northumberland Park	59
Seven Sisters	1
St Anns	5
Stroud Green	18
Tottenham Green	71

Tottenham Hale	10
West Green	14
White Hart Lane	64
Woodside	106

- 2.3. Of the 571 trees planted 134 were trees sponsored by residents through the Trees for Streets sponsorship platform. [Trees for Streets in Haringey - Trees for Streets](#). Around 85 sponsored trees weren't planted last planting season due to issues of location / species availability / capacity. Approximately 50 or so of these trees will be planted in the 2022/23 season.

3. Tree Planting in 2022/23

- 3.1. The 2022-2026 Labour Manifesto commits to planting 10,000 new trees by 2030 and to continue planting trees until all wards can achieve 30% canopy cover.

- 3.2. The 2022/23 tree planting season will make the first contribution of circa 2000 trees to the 10,000 new trees by 2030 target. This will be achieved in several ways.

- 3.3. It is expected that around 500 / 600 street trees will be planted across the borough in the following locations:-

- Circa 200-220 trees will be planted in the locations agreed with the residents who sponsor them (includes 50 trees from 2021/22).
- 80 trees in total will be planted in Highgate, Bruce Castle, Tottenham Central and Tottenham Hale funded by Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy
- A total of 70 Trees will be planted spread across all wards to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee as part of the Queens Green Canopy project.
- Up to a further 230 trees in total will be planted across Alexandra Park, Bruce Castle, Stroud Green, and other locations where trees have been removed this year.

- 3.4. Mini forest planting 1400 trees

- Two mini forests of circa 600 trees each will be created this planting season. Both mini forests will be in Woodside Ward which has the third lowest canopy cover in the borough. The mini forest will be location in White Hart Lane Recreation Ground and New River Sports Ground.
- A further mini forest of circa two hundred trees will be planted in Finsbury Park to compensate for the removal of the 200 whips removed earlier this year that were planted in the wrong place. In addition 19 standard trees will be planted in the Richard Hope Play Space.

4. Urban Forest Plan

- 4.1. The Council is at an early stage of developing an Urban Forest Plan for Haringey. To support the work in this area the Council has made a bid to the Woodland Creation Accelerator Fund. The fund is designed to give local authorities extra staffing resources to accelerate their planning and identification of opportunities for further tree planting in the borough. An announcement on our bid is expected by the end of August. If successful, the funding will provide for an additional officer to project manage the creation of a Haringey Urban Forest Plan over the next two years. The funding will also help the council to access exiting external funding for planting trees.
- 4.2. The GLA has recently announced further funding to support boroughs who have or will partner with Trees for Streets to plant more trees in their borough.
- 4.3. In addition, several steps have also been identified where further information is required to identify the opportunities to expand the canopy cover in Haringey. In each of these steps we will carefully consider how the community can shape and support the achievement of each step. These steps will include: -
 - Updating the canopy cover map to reflect the 21 rather than 19 wards as of May 2022.
 - Establishing the social and environmental value and contribution made by the existing urban forest.
 - Identifying and mapping the tree planting opportunities across the borough.
 - Determining whether 30% canopy cover is achievable in all wards
 - Establishing the increased value and contribution that an expanded urban forest can deliver.
 - Establishing the business case for investment
 - Working with partners and other landowners to establish how they can contribute to the expansion of the Haringey Urban Forest.

5. Tree and Woodland Plan

- 5.1. A new draft Tree and Woodland Plan is to be considered by Cabinet on 13th September 2022. The plan along with the draft Parks and Greenspaces Strategy will be subject to public consultation during October and November 2022. Final adoption is expected to be in March 2023 subject to Cabinets agreement.