

BCRNP 22.10.12 – Agenda Item #10

NEW Trees for 2013 Clive Stevens, John Tarlton, Vassili Papastavrou

The BCR Tree Group has consulted with shop owners and residents and 4 sites are OK to progress with certain provisos, others will be delayed or maybe not done at all. According to the BCC survey done a year or so ago there are hundreds of other sites to progress eventually. So any that drop off will be replaced by other sites.

We face the following issues:

1. A grant application has to be in by early November. The council (as of 2nd Oct and in writing) has guaranteed a price of £2,180 per tree (tree, pit and 15 year maintenance, any cost overruns will be borne by them).
2. Private money is coming in (3 so far) but will take longer than November to fully collect.
3. The sites that have said yes would like details of the species and contact from the council before a formal yes.
4. The council need to confirm the species choice and if they say “Cherry” we will have to cancel that site because such a tree will never give the environmental or amenity benefit from a £2,180 investment. (It could go ahead with private money though).
5. The council has a QA process to follow and after council letters have gone out, the pits will be dug in the summer and trees planted in the winter of 2013.

The new tree process is proving to be more complex than we thought. And combined now with the inability to carry forward well-being funds into April 2013, the unknown amount of private money and lack of project functionality for the council’s accounting system means we are considering a different approach (as discussed with Andrew McGrath). Therefore:

Three Recommendations:

1. Either the NP or an amenities society (e.g. RCAS) apply for a well-being grant of £15,360 plus the transfer of the previous tree project underspends of £1,780 and £300 ish. This totals £17,440 for the 8 trees. This will be applied for before Oct 31st assuming the NP approves these recommendations and will come forward to the January 2013 NC for final approval along with other grant applications.

2. Accounting simplicity. RCAS set up a separate BCR NP Tree Ledger into which they also put private donations. They pay the council as the trees are planted (or pits dug). An annual account is provided every August (RCAS year-end). This means that if some of these 8 locations fail we can find others and know we have money left over. If we need more for other plantings, RCAS can apply to the well-being and other funds in the future.

3. The £4,590k S106 for local trees (which has a 2016 deadline) is kept in the BCR NP accounts since that can be carried forward.

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1 & 2 - Bishopston : ON HOLD - Gloucester Road & Longmead Ave (outside Sainsbury's – was location #6 on previous reports). Possibly do in conjunction with a road traffic scheme which might make the tree planting much cheaper (report due for 22/10)?

Note: Sainsbury's store manager talked about possible store extension application. She has referred it to senior management – no response so far.



3 & 4 - Bishopston : - GO SLOWLY - Muller Road (outside small run of shops near Brent Rd). Have talked to the shop managers; they are worried about losing visibility of shop signs (Chinese and Barber's definitely a NO as they pointed out it would also stop customers parking on the pavement).
- The Fire Brigades Union have said YES and donated some money.
- Also might be possible for the second one further south of Barber's shop.
- Bearing in mind the main reason is to improve well-being and we also have local traders as an NP priority it would seem daft to push this through without agreement from traders. A Councillor to get involved?



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5 & 6 - Redland : 2 sites in North Redland
Coldharbour Rd (opp 158)



YES

Coldharbour /Redland Rd (Elworthy)



YES IF NOT TOO BIG – MAPLE?

7 & 8 - Cotham : 2 sites – 15m apart from one another on corner of Redland Rd and Redland Grove

Redland Rd / Grove (Traffic Island)



YES – NO OBJECTIONS

Redland Rd / Grove (build out up from Island)



YES