

Public Forum

Public Forum for Area Committee 1



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No Public Forum Questions received.

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Public Forum Statements received were:

Ref No	Name	Attending?
PS01	Mark Ashdown – Bristol Tree Forum	Yes
PS02	Fraser Bridgeford	Yes
PS03	Clr Clive Stevens	No
PS04	Stephanie French	Yes



PS01

Mark Ashdown - Bristol Tree Forum

We remain anxious that as much as possible Tree-specific S106 funds as are available are committed to tree planting this coming planting season. If enough existing TreeBristol Tree Planting Locations cannot be found then we ask that new or lost planting sites be identified. We will help to identify these.

PS02

Fraser Bridgeford

Is there a map for the actual locations of all the trees available.

PS03

Cllr Clive Stevens

Please may I request that once AC1 has allocated its S106 tree money to appropriate sites within Area 1, it considers my suggestion in paragraph 2 below (And maybe this request has more merit, as it was I, for the TreeForum, who in 2015 & early 2016 harangued the developers of QV House to make sure we got every penny from that devastated site. The S106 from there comprises, I believe, much of the money you are allocating today).

Over the coming months and years there will be lots of pavement widening and road works. This is the time to get new trees designed into hard standing. A pit when works are not being done costs close to £2.5k, but when works are done can be as little as £250 (plus the tree at approx £750). Therefore please set aside £40k of the S106 money from QV House for future investment aimed at 40 new tree sites, by roads. It would be amazing, iconic and a fitting legacy to Bristol's bounce back from Covid to consider nature and the benefits trees bring to cities.

I appreciate you can't allocate it yet, I am suggesting you simply agree a statement of desire if you are so minded please. But that will be enough to help negotiate future planting with Highways and then you can vote on schemes as and when services are checked and costed.

PS04

Stephanie French

As the Committee can see there is more money in the s106 pots than there are available tree sites for planting, especially in Clifton and Clifton Down Wards.

I encourage the Committee to decide whether it wishes to spend this money in other Areas, though still complying with the geographical limitations of each s106 agreement, or to consider using the funds to open up new tree planting locations. The latter choice is more expensive as engineered tree pits will be required, but it does mean that new locations for trees in roads/places currently without trees are opened up for current and future use. The present habit of using developers' funds, occasioned because trees have been felled, to replace trees in sites where they have been lost, merely replaces a lost tree with another - or more than one depending upon the size of the tree the developer felled. Thus there is no nett gain - which should be the present aim.