



## Hengrove Leisure Park Hengrove Way Bristol BS14 0HR - 21/00531/P | Outline planning application for demolition and residential-led redevelopment

### Bristol Tree Forum Questions to the Planning Officer and the planning control committee

We submitted our comments on this planned development on 22 February 2021 - [Bristol Tree Forum Submission - Hengrove Leisure Park](#).<sup>1</sup>

In it we noted the Arboricultural Planning Officer's comments in screening application 20/05651/SCR<sup>2</sup> (Request for a screening opinion as to whether an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) was required):

*The report negates to mention the extensive tree planting within the car park which provides canopy cover and some ecological value. The re-development of the site will likely require the removal of most if not all of these trees and therefore adverse effect on the canopy cover of the site.*

*Hengrove Mounds are located on the south western boundary of the proposed development and therefore the connectivity of green infrastructure with surrounding environments needs to be assessed.*

Despite his view that an EIA was needed, none was obtained.

1. In light of this, why was no Environmental Impact Assessment obtained?
2. What steps have been, or will be, taken to apply the Mitigation Hierarchy before any decision is made to remove the trees affected by this development?
3. How have you reassessed this application in light of the publication of the latest version of the National Planning Policy Framework<sup>3</sup>
4. How does this proposal comply with Bristol's Development Framework Core Strategy policy BCS9? BCS9 states that *Individual green assets should be retained wherever possible and integrated into new development.*
5. The trees are already planted in straight lines. Why is it not possible to design the buildings around them?
6. If the application is granted and the development is not going to be redesigned as suggested, what plans will be made to relocate as many trees as possible (either on site or elsewhere) that are identified for removal rather than destroy them?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://bristoltreeforum.files.wordpress.com/2021/02/bristol-tree-forum-submission-hengrove-leisure-park.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://pa.bristol.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QKCDHUDN0DG00>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2>