

BCR Neighbourhood Partnership Tree Report

September 2016

Three sources of funds are potentially available for work this year:

1. S.106 money to be spent within 1 mile radius from Redland House development : £4653.83p
2. NP funds provisionally agreed: £3000
3. University of Bristol funds: total unknown but not requiring an agreement at this meeting of the neighbourhood partnership

The meeting on 26 June 2016 of the BCR Neighbourhood Partnership resolved:

'In respect of the Tree Report and proposals for spending of Section 106 monies the Neighbourhood Committee resolved: That priority should be given firstly to the site on Redland Road and then the 4 sites on Edgumbe Road.'

Over five years, discussions have been going on with tree officers from BCC.

About two years ago, sites were initially identified by Clive Stevens, Peter Harnett and Josie Sadler.

Money is promised from local residents in Edgumbe Rd but not yet for Redland Rd. It is understood that local residents have not been consulted about the Redland Rd trees.

The tree officer has recently confirmed the following costs to the NP:

- Stump replacement: £295.00 for tree pit, planting and maintenance/replacement for 3 years
- New trees: £1500.00 for tree pit (including nominal services survey) + £295.00 for tree + £400.00 for maintenance for 15 years of a tree new to Bristol

Residents' contributions (£99 per tree in accordance with the BCR NP scheme) reduce these costs paid by our NP.

BCC charges to developers are higher and quoted on an individual basis. It has been agreed that the S106 money is committed to BCR NP

under the previous boundaries and the trees are to be provided through the NP, not the developer, so the charges above apply.

Since the last NP meeting it has become clear that the sites of the lost trees in Edgecumbe Rd had been tarmacked over and so are treated as new sites by BCC. But they should not be considered as adding to the overall tree estate to be maintained. On this basis we propose that, depending on feasibility and final advised site-specific costs:

2 trees (max) are planted on the following site in Redland Road:

- The wide pavement in front of 1-11 Stones Court, Redland Road

(estimated full cost £4390)

Then up to 2 trees are planted on the following sites in Edgecumbe Road from:

- Outside the side entrance to 89 Redland Road,
- In between No 2 and No 4 Edgecumbe Road
- In between No 8 and No 10 Edgecumbe Road
- Outside No 11 Edgecumbe Road
- Outside No 20 Edgecumbe Road

All the sites are marked.

(estimated cost £3392 i.e. omitting £800 maintenance and £198 contribution)

Total estimated cost £7782 which is £128.17 in excess of the agreed budget. This could be resolved by securing residents' contribution for the Redland Rd trees (potentially £198) or by revisiting the options.

Footnote: BCR NP Tree sub-group is to meet to plan the refreshing of the stump mapping and to set a forward plan for next year's tree-replacement programme.