

Summary of public comments:

Draft tree planting plan for Lamplighters Open Space

November 2025

A draft tree planting plan was displayed in multiple locations in Lamplighters Open Space and sent to local residents. In addition, it was added to the consultation page on the Bristol City Council website.

What happens next?

Tree planting will take place between December 2025 – March 2026

Comments received: We have given these comments consideration and provide responses below. Please note, we will only respond to comments that directly refer to the consultation.

Comment	Response
Four comments received in favour of the plans.	Many thanks for your comments.
Are the species native?	Yes, all the fruit trees will be heritage varieties and native to the UK.
Who will manage and weed the trees?	The OTPC volunteer team will maintain and weed the trees in the initial few years after planting. A new community orchard group will be encouraged and supported via the Parks volunteer team and OTPC.
Who will plant and water the trees?	The planting will be undertaken by the OTPC volunteer team and college students. If you would like to take part, please contact onetreeperchild@bristol.gov.uk The trees are planted small – around 1m in height and therefore do not require regular watering. If a summer drought does occur, our team will water and monitor the trees.
The orchard will reduce the available open space for dog walkers and children playing.	The proposal covers roughly 10% of the open space, leaving approximately 90% for park users. We will ensure that desire lines and football pitches are not affected.
Can we plant near the new flood defences?	Our team can investigate this option for future planting seasons.
How many trees will be planted?	We can plant between 30-40 small fruit trees in the proposed space with 4-5m gaps between each tree.
New trees will impact light and views to the properties.	The fruit trees will be selected on non-vigorous rootstock. They will grow to a height of around 3m and therefore will have limited impact on accessible light on the closest properties over 30m away. Each tree will be planted with a 4-5m space between them to ensure public safety and sightlines remain.
Roots and leaves will be an issue to properties.	There is over 30m between the proposed orchard and closest property - tree roots from the orchard will not impact the properties. Whilst leaves can be an issue, we feel that the benefit of new trees outweigh this seasonal inconvenience.

Visit the Bristol City Council Webpage [for more information on One Tree Per Child community planting and woodland maintenance events.](#)

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