

TREE POLICIES AND PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS APPROVED BY PLANNING COMMITTEE 2ND AUGUST 2021

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Policy Recommendation 1: All applications for trees to be felled must be supported by the view of the TDC Biodiversity & Horticulture Officer [The Tree Officer] following a visit to the site and independent assessment.

Policy Recommendation 2: Only diseased or dying trees to be felled and only subject to suitable replacement(s).

Policy Recommendation 3: Works required for structural reasons i.e., impact of root damage to foundations and drains, must be supported by structural engineering evidence as well as a report from the TDC Biodiversity & Horticulture Officer [The Tree Officer].

Policy Recommendation 4: Remedial tree works i.e., Crown lift / Crown thin / Height reduction etc., to be kept to a maximum of 20%, unless the TDC Biodiversity & Horticulture Officer [The Tree Officer] authorises otherwise. All tree applications must contain full measurements in line with BS3998:2010, in order to make the requested percentage reduction meaningful.

Policy Recommendation 5: Applications to entirely remove protected trees without supporting mitigation planting using the methodology in Project Recommendation 2 will be recommended for refusal by BSPTC Planning Committee.

Policy Recommendation 6: Applications to entirely or substantially remove hedges that are more than 15 years old will be recommended for refusal by BSPTC Planning Committee unless the applicant can evidence the need.

Policy Recommendation 7: BSPTC will assist TDC Planning Department in order to ensure that adequate protection is given in the planning process for all the areas shown on the Government map, extracted at Appendix 4 in the Tree Strategy reference document.

PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS

Project recommendation 1: BSPTC's web-site will include a link to an appropriate web-site which lists approved arboricultural contractors. An advice leaflet will be published on BSPTC Website.

Project Recommendation 2: Tree Warden will develop the methodology [as above] for canopy mitigation for the species and specified number of trees to be replanted either on the same, adjacent or agreed site and share the methodology with TDC Tree Officer and LPA.

Project Recommendation 3: BSPTC will support the Tree Warden to protect and maintain existing TPOd trees, to enhance the existing protection by further analysis of Area TPOs and by applying for new or converting older TPOs to a more appropriate form.

Project Recommendation 4: Subject to funding being available, BSPTC will pursue a policy of succession planting for the trees in Broadstairs Memorial Recreation Ground, Holmes Park, St. Peter's Recreation Ground, Pierremont Park and Vincent Close in conjunction with TDC, ensuring that species selected will have long lifespans, are suitable for changing climate, strains are resistant to pests and diseases.

Project Recommendation 5: BSPTC together with the Friend's of Mockett's Wood, the local RSPB group and the TDC Biodiversity & Horticulture Officer [The Tree Officer] to prepare an annual plan of work to manage and improve the biodiversity of the wood.

Project Recommendation 6: BSPTC will strive to find tree locations for mitigation, new and succession planting in roadside locations and advise them to KCC.

Project Recommendation 7: BSPTC will encourage residents to take an active interest in street trees, adopt and water them and notify the Council of any problems with damage or disease to the trees. BSPTC and Tree Warden will monitor action.

Project Recommendation 8: BSPTC will actively work with Schools, Local Businesses and Farms to identify suitable land for woodland creation with an objective to plant one new Super Tiny Forest each year.

Project Recommendation 9: BSPTC will promote the concept of Memorial Planting of trees. These trees will be in places identified by Thanet District Council. It will be a condition of memorial planting that those requesting the tree will also be responsible for establishing the tree with regular watering.

Project Recommendation 10: In order to minimise the possibility of introducing more or other tree pests and diseases BSPTC will only purchase stock from UK nurseries that have grown on stock from seed entirely in the UK and are biosecure. All reputable suppliers will have a published Biosecurity Policy. The policy should include the elements recommended by the Arboricultural Association:

(<http://www.trees.org.uk/Trees.org.uk/media/Trees-org.uk/Documents/AA-Biosecurity-Policy.pdf>). BSPTC will replant Horse Chestnut, Ash and Elm with new resistant strains wherever practicable to do so.