# Newcastle City Council - Public Consultation Report

### **Project: Hadrian Road Greenspace**

#### Date: 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023

#### **Executive Summary**

An on-site public consultation event was undertaken on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 by the North East Community Forest together with Northumberland Wildlife Trust. Feedback was taken on site, together with feedback from emails and telephone conversations. Additionally, two Let's Talk Newcastle consultations were run between the 22<sup>nd</sup> August – 26<sup>th</sup> September and the 6<sup>th</sup> October -27<sup>th</sup> October respectively. The second of these online consultations included a draft site proposals plan which has subsequently been updated and included with this report. The project proposals include the planting of 15 no. trees of mixed species around the perimeter of the green space, together with resurfacing of the existing path and the planting of bulbs and wildflowers.

#### **Consultation Feedback**

#### Site Consultation Feedback

- There were 23 designs created by residents
- 15 of these featured tree planting to the edges, in line with the final design proposal.
- Wildflowers and bulbs featured in 11 designs.

#### Telephone & Email Feedback

- There were 7 email responses and one phone call.
- One email from a local resident was received by NCC via Cllr Shatwell advising that a tree shown in the NCC tree records has been removed.
- Four emails requested slides / basketball court / outdoor gym; things the Trees For Climate funding are unable to provide.
- One email requested trees but no benches to avoid people congregating.
- One email was in favour but unsure about the tree choices. Further information was provided.
- The telephone call was to encourage tree planting but ensure space is left for football games.

#### Let's Talk Newcastle Feedback

- The initial online consultation yielded a total of 0 public responses.
- The second online consultation yielded a total of 3 public responses from residents from the Wingrove ward.
- One response expressed dissatisfaction that no benches could be included in the proposals.
- One response expressed support for the proposals, particularly for the community and ecology, together with suggestions for seating to be integrated into the space in the future.

• One response expressed support for the proposals, together with a suggestion for dog waste bins to be added in the future.

#### How have we used this feedback?

The feedback from the initial on-site consultation was fed into the design of the initial project proposals plan which was included in the second Let's Talk Newcastle consultation. The findings of the consultation helped to locate the best location for trees, wildflowers and bulbs on the site. Following the second Let's Talk Newcastle consultation, the feedback received was used to update the project proposals plan which is now included with this report. The final scheme aims to provide a range of tree species, to provide resilience against climate change as well as varied amenity interest, together with areas of wildflower seeding and bulb planting for seasonal interest. The path is proposed to be resurfaced, in order to improve the accessibility across the site.

Moving forward, NCC is aware of the local resident's suggestions for seating and dog waste bins in the public space, and this is noted for future green space improvements should funds for these elements become available.

#### <u>Appendix</u>

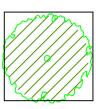
#### Drawings

• LE303/002 rev 2 Planting Plan



# LEGEND





#### Proposed tree Refer to planting schedule for list of species and sizes

Existing tree to be retained

Existing short grass to be

retained



Narcissus 'February Gold' 50%
Narcissus 'Mount Hood' 50%

Bulb Planting Mix



#### Wildflower Areas British Wildflower Seeds 'Northumberland Meadow Seed Mix' - sown at 4g per square metre

# **1.1 PLANTING SPECIFICATION**

1.1.1 ALL PLANTING TO BE CARRIED OUT DURING APPROPRIATE CONDITIONS DURING THE NEXT PLANTING SEASON AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH BS8545.

## 1.2 HEAVY STANDARD TREES

1.2.1 ALL TREES DOUBLE STAKED, INCLUDE STRIMMER GUARDS TO TREES IN GRASS.

1.2.2 DOUBLE STAKE, 1500 X 65MM DIAM. UNPEELED LARCH STAKE, ANGLED OR VERTICAL. POINTED END DRIVEN 800MM BELOW FINISHED GROUND LEVEL. TREE SECURED WITH BIODEGRADABLE TIES, 'NATURETIE' BY GREENBLUE URBAN OR EQUAL.

1.2.3 TREE PIT NO DEEPER THAN EXISTING ROOTBALL/ CONTAINER DEPTH.

1.2.4 PIT DIAMETER 75MM GREATER THAN ROOT BALL OR ROOT SYSTEM -SCARIFY SIDES OF PIT PRIOR TO PLANTING.

1.2.5 FERTILIZER - ENMAG FERTILIZER (BY SCOTTISH AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES LTD (OR EQUAL) TO TREE PITS PRIOR TO PLANTING AT 140 GRAMS PER PIT.

1.2.6 HYDROGEL - BROADLEAF P4 BY AGRICULTURAL POLYMERS INTERNATIONAL LTD (OR EQUAL) TO TREE PITS PRIOR TO PLANTING AT RATE OF 100 GRAMS

1.2.7 BACKFILL WITH SAME SOIL REPLICATING EXISTING SOIL PROFILE.

# 2.0 MAINTENANCE SPECIFICATION

PER PIT.

2.1 ALLOW FOR A 3 YEAR ESTABLISHMENT PERIOD.

2.2 MAINTAIN A 1M DIAMETER CLEAR AREA AROUND EACH TREE WITH HERBICIDE OR BARK MULCH AS APPROPRIATE.

2.3 WATER DURING DRY PERIODS FOR THE FIRST 2 GROWING SEASONS AT THE FOLLOWING RATES (ALLOW 10NO VISITS/ YEAR): - HEAVY STANDARD TREES, 20L TWICE A WEEK.

- TRANSPLANT TREES AND SHRUBS, 5L TWICE A WEEK.

2.4 TOP-UP BARK MULCH TO MAINTAIN 50MM DEPTH ANNUALLY.

2.5 CHECK TIES, GUARDS AND STAKES ANNUALLY.

2.6 REPLACE ANY TREES/ SHRUBS WHICH FAIL TO ESTABLISH IN THE NEXT GROWING SEASON.

2.7 REMOVE GUARDS, TIES AND STAKES DURING THE 3 YEAR ESTABLISHMENT PERIOD, CHECK ANNUALLY.

2.8 MANAGEMENT ONCE ESTABLISHED: TRIM VEGETATION BACK FROM PATHS AND ROAD AS REQUIRED.

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00-350cm	10-12cm	Standard	175cm - 200cm	RB	2
00-350cm	10-12cm	Standard	175cm - 200cm	RB	1
00-350cm	10-12cm	Standard	175cm - 200cm	RB	1
00-350cm	10-12cm	Standard	175cm - 200cm	RB	1
00-350cm	10-12cm	Standard	175cm - 200cm	RB	3
00-350cm	10-12cm	Standard	175cm - 200cm	RB	1
00-350cm	10-12cm	Standard	175cm - 200cm	RB	2
00-350cm	10-12cm	Standard	175cm - 200cm	RB	4
				Total	15

	Drawn by	GC	Scales	1:200	
	Date	28/09/23	Job Number		
Path & File	Path & Filename	G:\	Drawing Number		Revision
	Layout	A1		002	02