

# TREE STRATEGY - APPENDIX 3.1 PUBLIC AND WAVELENGTH SURVEY RESULTS

## Section 1 – Trees in the City

How much tree coverage do you think there is in the following areas of Exeter?		Too much	About right	Too little
		%	%	%
Your street	Public Consultation	1	49	45
	Wavelength 16	2	52	46
Your ward	Public Consultation	1	37	53
	Wavelength 16	1	57	42
Trunk roads leading into Exeter, such as Heavitree Road	Public Consultation	0	30	66
	Wavelength 16	1	44	55
Foot/cycle paths	Public Consultation	2	45	44
	Wavelength 16	2	66	32
City parks	Public Consultation	0	54	42
	Wavelength 16	10	72	28
Green spaces in the city	Public Consultation	0	33	64
	Wavelength 16	1	57	42
Industrial areas in the city	Public Consultation	1	15	80
	Wavelength 16	1	22	77
The city as a whole	Public Consultation	0	19	77
	Wavelength 16	0	50	50

Which are the three most important places to have trees?		%
Your street	Public Consultation	29
	Wavelength 16	22
Your ward	Public Consultation	36
	Wavelength 16	29
Trunk roads leading into Exeter, such as Heavitree Road	Public Consultation	50
	Wavelength 16	39
Foot/cycle paths	Public Consultation	14
	Wavelength 16	22
City parks	Public Consultation	52
	Wavelength 16	63
Green spaces in the city	Public Consultation	65
	Wavelength 16	77
Industrial areas in the city	Public Consultation	51
	Wavelength 16	40

How high a priority should providing trees for the city be for the Council?		%
Highest	Public Consultation	15
	Wavelength 16	9
High	Public Consultation	56
	Wavelength 16	39
Medium	Public Consultation	23
	Wavelength 16	45
Low	Public Consultation	2
	Wavelength 16	6
Lowest	Public Consultation	0
	Wavelength 16	1

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Please rank the following functions of trees in order of priority (1-7: the highest being 7)		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Amenity	Public Consultation	4	6	22	13	23	13	9
	Wavelength 16	9	16	15	17	20	8	11
Wildlife habitat/biodiversity	Public Consultation	10	13	9	10	11	20	17
	Wavelength 16	15	13	10	9	8	23	19
Climate moderation (including pollution absorption, wind shelter, shade, storm water absorption, reduced soil erosion)	Public Consultation	11	16	7	10	9	12	25
	Wavelength 16	12	12	9	6	11	16	31
Production of useful products	Public Consultation	27	17	8	8	8	14	9
	Wavelength 16	17	16	10	11	13	17	11
Increased economic prosperity	Public Consultation	18	28	7	6	6	10	15
	Wavelength 16	26	17	9	8	9	9	18
Increased sense of well-being/reduced anti-social behaviour	Public Consultation	10	6	18	18	17	10	10
	Wavelength 16	8	9	21	18	18	11	12
Screening of unpleasant views	Public Consultation	9	4	20	24	16	10	7
	Wavelength 16	6	9	17	26	19	11	8

### Section 2 – Street Trees

Would you like to see more trees in your street / ward?		%
Yes	Public Consultation	88
	Wavelength 16	75
No	Public Consultation	7
	Wavelength 16	25

If the Council were to plant more trees in your street / ward, which of the following trees would you most like to see?		%
Small – height of gutter on two-storey house, such as Rowan	Public Consultation	30
	Wavelength 16	38
Medium – height of rood on two-storey house, such as Silver Birch	Public Consultation	60
	Wavelength 16	55
Large – such as Lime or Beech	Public Consultation	32
	Wavelength 16	13

Do you think the Council should spend extra money moving services, improving soil or building tree pits in the road in order to establish street trees		%
Yes	Public Consultation	81
	Wavelength 16	NA
No	Public Consultation	14
	Wavelength 16	NA
Depends	Public Consultation	1
	Wavelength 16	NA

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Do you feel that street trees should be planted in shared cycle / footpaths, if the path is wide enough?		%
Yes – all the cost	Public Consultation	80
	Wavelength 16	NA
Yes – share the cost	Public Consultation	15
	Wavelength 16	NA

Do you think the Council should pay to plant and maintain trees on private land where there is no scope to plant trees?		%
Yes – all the cost	Public Consultation	15
	Wavelength 16	15
Yes – share the cost	Public Consultation	62
	Wavelength 16	55
No	Public Consultation	17
	Wavelength 16	28

### Section 3 – Parks

Which of the following parks do you use and what do you think of the tree coverage in them?		Use	Too much	About right	Too little
		%	%	%	%
Belle Isle Park	Public Consultation	30	0	24	13
	Wavelength 16		1	70	29
Belmont Park	Public Consultation	30	0	26	12
	Wavelength 16		3	66	32
Bull Meadow	Public Consultation	12	0	10	10
	Wavelength 16		1	61	38
Bury Meadow	Public Consultation	15	0	15	8
	Wavelength 16		2	64	35
Heavitree Pleasure Ground	Public Consultation	28	0	17	22
	Wavelength 16		3	59	38
Northernhay Gardens	Public Consultation	47	1	37	24
	Wavelength 16		2	58	40
Rougemont Gardens	Public Consultation	49	1	53	11
	Wavelength 16		2	73	25
Pinces Gardens	Public Consultation	13	1	11	9
	Wavelength 16		3	42	56
St Thomas Pleasure Ground	Public Consultation	17	0	12	11
	Wavelength 16		2	57	41

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There are two options available for the maintenance of the areas under trees. Which would you prefer?		In all areas	Only in informal areas
		%	%
I would prefer short grass under trees, although it can have a negative effect on the water and nutrients supplied to the tree	Public Consultation	11	9
	Wavelength 16	55	45
I would prefer the tree to get more nutrients and water from the soil by leaving longer grass. Although it will look more untidy	Public Consultation	51	35
	Wavelength 16	49	50

Do you think the Council should improve wildlife habitat by leaving more dead and fallen trees in some parks and open spaces?		%
Yes	Public Consultation	81
	Wavelength 16	68
No	Public Consultation	8
	Wavelength 16	19
Don't know	Public Consultation	4
	Wavelength 16	13

### Section 4 – Woodland

How much woodland do you think there currently is in Exeter?		Too much	About right	Too little
		%	%	%
	Public Consultation	0	24	69
	Wavelength 16	0	44	55

What would encourage you to use woodland more?		%
More seating	Public Consultation	34
	Wavelength 16	37
Signposted walks	Public Consultation	52
	Wavelength 16	67
Information on plants of interest	Public Consultation	45
	Wavelength 16	43
Information about where the woodland sites are	Public Consultation	70
	Wavelength 16	78

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<b>Do you feel the Council should...?</b>		<b>%</b>
Create more native woodlands in Exeter	Public Consultation	65
	Wavelength 16	52
Play a leading role in encouraging the planting and facilitating the generation of a new native woodland in and outside the city	Public Consultation	81
	Wavelength 16	74
Acquire new land specifically to create new urban woodland	Public Consultation	54
	Wavelength 16	41
Convert some of its open green land into native broadleaved woodland	Public Consultation	58
	Wavelength 16	47
Do nothing	Public Consultation	3
	Wavelength 16	5

### Section 5 - Education

<b>Do you feel the Council should invest resources in developing educational woodland?</b>		<b>%</b>
Yes	Public Consultation	72
	Wavelength 16	67
No	Public Consultation	13
	Wavelength 16	17
Don't know?	Public Consultation	11
	Wavelength 16	16

<b>What sort of educational woodland would you like to see the Council develop?</b>		<b>%</b>
Edible – educate people about food from trees	Public Consultation	44
	Wavelength 16	41
Working – use of trees to produce things like fence post, hazel rods	Public Consultation	53
	Wavelength 16	47
Orchard – conserve threatened species and provide information to encourage use	Public Consultation	70
	Wavelength 16	57

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## Section 6 – Waste

Do you think the Council should invest resources in converting tree 'waste' to usable timber products?		%
Yes	Public Consultation	71
	Wavelength 16	50
No	Public Consultation	12
	Wavelength 16	24
Don't know	Public Consultation	13
	Wavelength 16	26

## Section 7 – Heritage

Would you like to see the Council play an active role in conserving and promoting Exeter's tree heritage?		%
Yes	Public Consultation	91
	Wavelength 16	85
No	Public Consultation	2
	Wavelength 16	6
Don't know	Public Consultation	4
	Wavelength 16	9

Are you interested in becoming a tree warden for your area		%
Yes	Public Consultation	31
	Wavelength 16	9
No	Public Consultation	58
	Wavelength 16	91

## Section 8 – Tree Preservation and Conservation

Do you own any trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order?		%
Yes	Public Consultation	4
	Wavelength 16	4
No	Public Consultation	89
	Wavelength 16	90
Don't know	Public Consultation	NA
	Wavelength 16	7

If yes, do you know you need Council consent prior to working on your tree?		%
Yes	Public Consultation	15
	Wavelength 16	57
No	Public Consultation	5
	Wavelength 16	43

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<b>Do you live in a conservation area</b>		<b>%</b>
Yes	Public Consultation	27
	Wavelength 16	17
No	Public Consultation	39
	Wavelength 16	51
Don't know	Public Consultation	30
	Wavelength 16	33

<b>If yes, do you know you need Council consent prior to working on your tree?</b>		<b>%</b>
Yes	Public Consultation	26
	Wavelength 16	53
No	Public Consultation	11
	Wavelength 16	47

<b>Would you like further information about Tree Preservation Orders, or trees in Conservation Areas?</b>		<b>%</b>
Yes	Public Consultation	34
	Wavelength 16	28
No	Public Consultation	46
	Wavelength 16	72