

Request:

Since the 2020 financial year, can you publish:

1. All documents related to where to plant trees.
2. Long term management plans for planted trees.
3. Survival rates of planted trees.

Response:

1. The council currently has no published documents on where to plant trees but through the development of a Trees and Woodlands Action Plan for Wigan we expect to identify priority areas and opportunities for planting and increasing tree cover.
2. With regard to the management and maintenance of the trees planted, the Council has secured funding from DEFRA that will enable us to look after the trees and ensure they establish over the next 15 years. There will be plenty of opportunities for volunteers to get involved in re-stocking of trees that fail for any reason, mulching and weeding, and potentially wildflower plug planting. Any thinning requirements during this time will be carried out by City of Trees, under the terms of a partnership agreement with the Council, which is a necessary management technique but will also enable us to prevent areas from scrubbing up and blocking lines of sight.
3. We currently do not have the information available regarding survival rates of planted trees. However, we will be making failure replacements under the management agreement with City of Trees where appropriate.