

Tree Strategy



Key

	Significant and/or long-term positive impact identified. No changes needed.
	Slight or short-term positive impact identified. No changes needed but could be reviewed to improve.
	Not applicable or no cause for concern.
	Slight or short-term negative impact identified. Review to identify possible improvements.
	Significant and/or long-term negative impact identified. Changes needed before proceeding.

This summary of the CIAT should be used to aid your decision making. Please note that red/amber segments simply mean that mitigations and changes should take place not that the project cannot go ahead.

Environmental	Scores	Justification	Recommendation
GHGs	8	This strategy sets out a clear framework for managing, protecting, and enhancing the town's tree stock, this in turn supports carbon sequestration, soil carbon enhancement, and prevents land degradation within the borough.	0
Air quality	8	Trees absorb harmful air pollutants, reduce particulate matter and improve air flow in towns.	0
Sustainable Transport	0	NA	0
Land use change	8	The tree management principles support how land is managed, restored, protected, and transformed. Trees shape landscapes in ways that promote sustainable land use.	0
Biodiversity	8	Having an overarching strategy which outlines the vision and principles within the tree strategy this ensures habitat, food, shelter, nesting is available to support biodiversity.	0

Soil and waterway health	8	Ensuring decision making across the council aligns with the strategy enhancing, protecting, and management of trees supports water quality and soil health.	0
Climate Change Adaptation	8	This strategy future proofs decision making for climate change adaptation. Trees help mitigate against the impacts of climate change such as cooling in heat waves and rising temperatures, reduce flooding and stabilise soil erosion.	0
Energy Use	0	NA	0
Sustainable Materials	0	NA	0
Waste	0	NA	0

Social	Scores	Justification	Recommendation
Food	0	Whilst there is a direct link between food and trees, this strategy does not aim to address this.	0
Health	4	Trees lead to better human health key impacts include improved air quality, higher levels of physical exercise, a reduction in serious health conditions and higher levels of reported happiness and mental wellbeing.	0
Housing	0	NA	0
Education	4	The aim of the strategy is to promote education and awareness, to help engage local communities with the broader understanding and a sense of ownership of their environment.	0
Community	4	The strategy aims to secure tree retention and planting planning process, recognising their value in preserving Cheltenham's historic character and enhancing its environmental legacy, therefore improving the physical space.	0
Culture	0	0	0
Accessibility	0	0	0
Local Economy and Jobs	2	Trees play a crucial role in enhancing the quality of urban living and contributing to the economic well-being of communities and support livelihoods through job creation.	0
Safety	0	NA	0
Equity	0	NA	0

Democratic Voice	4	To help inform this strategy, a workshop was undertaken, inviting key stakeholders from inside and outside the Council. Around 30 groups and individuals were represented at the workshop and contributed to the form and content of this document. To support this, an online questionnaire was made available, to which more than 200 residents responded, providing useful insight into the strength of public feeling about trees locally.	0
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