

## Appendix 3a - Table 2: Questionnaire Comments, Responses & Changes Proposed

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Where trees are planted they should be protected for future generations and from future buildings developments.					Point noted. As the City evolves & time, it may be necessary to remove individual trees, particularly if they are diseased or die. The overall aim is, however, to protect trees & increase cover. Point noted, however	None
There needs to be a focus on maintaining public footpaths to enable better access to trees and woodland - there are a number of paths in Wolverhampton that are badly signposted or seem to peter out as they are not signed/maintained sufficiently I think the council needs to plant more trees./ More emphasis on planting.			Action 3.3 should try and increase net cover across the whole city, not just city centre.		Comments noted & accepted. Additional aim of increasing tree cover included in revised Action Plan.	None

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<p>Any tree and woodland strategy should link with neighbouring councils wherever possible as woodland can flow across council boundaries or have done so historically. Several Black Country Councils working together in harmony and cooperation will have far more sway than a single council. Any committee set up to monitor or run such a strategy should always have community representation on it.</p>	<p>Whenever possible to be promoted both educationally and industrially. Education to discover the history of wood as an amenity site and as a material to use. Industrially as a material used for producing a wide range of artefacts and artistic creations. To explore woodland and wood as a site and material for creativity and small enterprise in the future.</p>	<p>The creation in conjunction with other local authorities of Ancient Woodland Walks often creating ribbons of woodland threading their way through and around our towns and cities.</p>	<p>Not at this time./ The promotion of Ancient Woodland as part of modern leadership fe in its amenity value and ability to ground and link us to our past.</p>	<p>No./ No.</p>	<p>1. The Tree &amp; Woodland Strategy is for Wolverhampton, but joint working is taking place with the West Midlands Combined Authority, Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership and other Black Country Councils on protecting &amp; promoting green infrastructure. Comment about community involvement noted; the Action Plan does include actions for community involvement in managing &amp; planting trees &amp; community involvement does take place on a number of working groups. It is acknowledged that more community</p>	<p>More details of joint initiatives with other Councils &amp; other agencies added to Strategy, Objectives &amp; Action Plan. Educating public &amp; developing skills in wood working &amp; management added as an objective.</p>

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					<p>involvement could take place &amp; this will be considered but it does take resources so no commitment can be made at present. 2. Educating public &amp; developing skills in wood working &amp; management added as an objective. 3. Development of green infrastructure &amp; revising standards included in Action Plan, including greater consideration of trees &amp; woodland in Open Space Strategy &amp; Action Plan. 4. The aim of the Strategy is to promote woodland &amp; recognise its wider benefits.</p>	

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<p>If possible, I would like to donate / fund a tree as part of The Council's Woodland Strategy. (I have a physical disability so I would need some support please)/ I am not sure, I have read through the woodland strategy, but to be honest I cant remember all the detail. A few notes: ensure new trees are planted in the right area, taking account of the eventual height of the tree. I support, 2) Engement and promotion - 2:7 .... to involve people with a wide range of ages and abilities etc .... Engagement and Promotion: 2.5 . .... Seek to establish Friends of parks' .....</p>	<p>I believe we have a responsibility to protect 'God's World 'for future generation.</p>	<p>I'm not sure if this fits in with this section. Accessibility; ensure woodland are accsesible for people with various impairments, paths, rest areas. Name plates on trees.</p>	<p>I partucially agree with and support 1:4 Health benifits are widely recognised as important in such schemes.</p>	<p>I look forward to hearing more about the Wolverhampton Tree and Woodland Strategy, engeging people of all ages, particulary young people. There are many benifits as mentioned in the strategy; improving air quality, health and wee-beign, and wild life and social time etc./ Are there any public meetings we can attend?</p>	<p>Comments noted. Access for people with disabilities covered in Objectives in reference to access for all sectors of the community, &amp; in Action Plan (Engagement &amp; Promotion). There are currently no public meetings proposed to do with the Strategy.</p>	<p>None</p>

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I think it should be compulsory that new developments have to protect and plant new tree as part of their planning.					Comments noted.	None
Yes but, it shouldn't just be about trees, it should very much include wilder open areas, grasslands, meadows, verges etc/ See above re grass areas - it should include all wildlife habitats	See previous. I'm concerned that a simple 'just plant more trees' approach neglects other habitats needed for overall biodiversity. Increased woodland as habitat is great but the ecotone of where woodland meets open grassland can be a very valuable habitat in biodiversity terms			It's a bit sparse? surely there is a need for greater detail about what the plan is? Using Escosia, great, I do it; agreeing with the woodland trust, great, but it's not much of a plan let alone an 'action' plan. What else is going to	Comments noted. 1. The Strategy is focussed in trees, woodland & hedgerows but does acknowledge wider biodiversity & nature conservation issues & initiatives; it is therefore intended to implement measures in a way that links to & recognises the benefits of all habitats. 2. Further detail will follow in individual	None

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	I agree with everything that was said but I feel more needs including. I think encouraging the community to get involved with planting trees and creating green spaces, using schools own spaces to create green spaces, educate children in its importance, to create a culture of looking after trees for the future, should also be included.	WE used to be a city in bloom, now empty flower pots where once flowers bloomed sit alongside the roads in places like Chapel Ash. These could be re used again.			Comments noted. 1. Engagement with community & schools is included in Action Plan; it is, however, constrained by available resources. 2. City in Bloom outside scope of Strategy.	None

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<p>This will only be worthwhile if the Council actually protect existing street trees which they don't at the moment. I know this for a fact as I reported a neighbour for chopping down a street tree and was told 'we haven't got the resources to do anything so let him get on with it.' As you can imagine I was appalled at this attitude. Several months later another neighbour asked for permission to chop down a street tree because he was fed up of the sap dripping on his car and he was told 'we aren't bothered as long as you don't cause any damage to surrounding properties.' If this is the attitude then frankly the strategy isn't worth wasting a tree for the paper it's written on!</p>					<p>Comments noted. 1. Cannot comment on individual anecdotes with no details but the issue has been referred to Environmental Services. 2. The Strategy is a statement of intent &amp; seeks to be realistic on what can be delivered within existing resources.</p>	<p>None. Issue raised re street trees referred to Environmental Services.</p>

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<p>it would be good to tap into central government funding which as I understand is available so as to have an extensive planting programme in Wolverhampton, to benefit future generations / the amount of tree planting could be specific and targeted for example so many per head of population by a particular date</p>	<p>need to also include efforts to build biodiversity in protecting plants and encouraging wildlife and the bird population</p>		<p>Need details about how this will be funded and what will happen when developers are reluctant to include trees as part of new housing developments or to meet their obligations - what action will be</p>		<p>Comments noted. 1. Funding sources are being explored. 2. Targets are also being explored &amp; further work is proposed to inform realistic targets.</p>	<p>Proposal to develop targets in line with evidence base included in Objectives &amp; Action Plan (1.3)</p>
<p>the use of trees can also provide shelter during a period of extreme heat. The type of chairs needs to be considered that will cope with future climate changes / explain how the strategy will be funded and the plans for the maintenance and care of older trees</p>					<p>Comments on shading by trees noted. The Strategy aims to be realistic &amp; the majority of actions will be funded within existing resources. Additional funding will be required to fund tree planting programmes. Care &amp; maintenance of older trees covered in Action Plan.</p>	<p>Biodiversity made a separate line in Vision.</p>

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			taken. What are the arrangements for reviewing progress against the action plan and who will be accountable for delivering the programme of work detailed?		Biodiversity now mentioned as separate line in Vision. Action Plan includes review of guidance on trees in new development which will provide further details of requirements from developers. The Strategy states (section 11) that monitoring & evaluation will take place after 3 years. Those responsible for individual actions are listed in Action Plan.	

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Recognise in the strategy that trees do not live forever and that regular assessments will be made by specialists which may mean cutting down and disposing of them - budgetary implications.	There are a number of woods that need support but which are currently on private land. It would be essential if this vision is to be meaningful for the private woods to be able to get support for their maintenance.	see previous comment re woods on private land	I would have thought it ESSENTIAL to carry out a meaningful assessment of what is the current existing state of woods is and create an action plan to ensure the maintenance of the existing woods/ see answer to 9	We already have a beautiful green city and it needs to be maintained better than it is at the moment. This needs to be foremost in any action plan timetable.	Comments noted. References to existing programme of maintenance, covering removal & replacement, are made in Strategy & Action Plan. Comments about private woodlands noted. Unfortunately, the Council is not in a position to fund their maintenance; this is the role of national government & the Forestry Commission plus other national agencies. An assessment of existing tree cover is proposed in the revised Action Plan. Part of the aim of the Strategy is to highlight the need to maintain existing woodland & identify	None

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Plant where possible for many reasons. Wildlife, air quality and, in my opinion, greenery and flowers make me happier!					resources for their improved maintenance. The aim of the Strategy is to raise the profile of trees & woodland in the City & improve their protection & maintenance.	
Maybe use volunteers to plan new trees? Get communities involved and get children and families to plan new trees in their area?					Comments noted. Biodiversity, air quality & health & wellbeing are all noted as benefits of trees in Strategy.	None
Please stop over developing in Tettenhall and other regions across the city.					Comments noted. Community involvement in tree planting, including schools, is included in Action Plan (3.10).	None
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			<p>Perhaps encouraging households to adopt a tree near to them on the roadside. Particularly when they are newly planted. Last year in the drought I watered the young tree near to my home nightly as it was struggling to access water. This year though some of the upper branches had died (sacrificed by the tree) it had fared much better than one nearer to the town centre which was planted at the same time. I also</p>	<p>Not really./ We should save and care for as many trees as possible. Many were sacrificed for the housing development off the Compton road built by Redrow and after building was completed all the ancient oaks along the boundary with the barleyfield were all felled. A travesty really.</p>	<p>Comments noted. 1. Adopt a Tree scheme &amp; will be considered further, subject to resources. It is acknowledged that there may be cost savings from individuals adopting trees if it results from higher trees survival rates; there is however a cost implication to setting up a formal scheme, though nothing to stop informal adoption as in this case. 2. One of the Actions in the Action Plan is to produce revised guidance for trees in new developments such as Compton Park.</p>	<p>Adopt a Tree Scheme added as option in Action Plan as part of Action 4.4 on encouraging community involvement in maintenance.</p>

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<p>I think the Strategy is a very bold move on the part of the Council. I hope it shows a real desire to protect those trees that we already have and to encourage new planting across the City. I believe there is a tendency, particularly by developers, to pay "lip service" to new planting on development sites. I believe a coherent Strategy (which this one seems to be) should provide a firm basis for demonstrating to developers that we don't</p>	<p>I fully support the Council's Vision. It covers everything that trees are all about. I bet not many people would say that trees help support regeneration and attract investment, but I am convinced that trees do exactly that. I believe that everyone, although they may not be able to say exactly why, likes trees, and I think the Council's Vision actually hits on all the</p>	<p>I believe the objectives are sound and, over time, achievable. At the very least, we have to try, and I think even if only some of the objectives are met, you will have made a difference for current and future generations.</p>	<p>cut off all the dead branches earlier in the year, though I noticed the council came around doing the same thing some weeks later. 😊</p> <p>It's a very ambitious Action Plan. If you can achieve even some of it, you will be going in the right direction for the long term future of a green City. / I think that with an increasing number of residential developments taking place across all parts of the City, the</p>	<p>I wish you good luck with it. It's a comprehensive document and, in my opinion, a really good one. Not all Strategies are worthwhile - this one definitely is! / Thank you for allowing us to make our comments.</p>	<p>Positive comments noted &amp; appreciated. 1. Re TPOs: Reference in Strategy (Section 5) &amp; strengthened; already reference in Action Plan to reviewing guidance (1.14). 2. Re new developments, the Action Plan contains an Action to produce a new guidance note on Trees in New Development (1.13).</p>	<p>Section 5 strengthened to include more details on protection of trees covered by TPOs &amp; sanctions for those who carry out unauthorised works.</p>

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<p>simply want a few trees dotted about here and there, but a planting programme that will enhance not only their own development but also the surrounding area. / I firmly believe that the Strategy should place greater emphasis on preserving existing trees by strengthening the Council's approach to Tree Preservation Orders. The Council should not be afraid to take action against individuals or companies who disregard TPOs, and should be publicising any action it takes to ensure the message gets home that once a tree is gone, it will take decades for a replacement to have the same street scene effect. I would like to see a more</p>	<p>reasons why we like them.</p>		<p>opportunity to ensure developers are aware of the Council's Strategy should not be lost.</p>			

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<p>prominent section within the Strategy given over to TPOs and a strong statement from the Council that shows it will fight to preserve existing landscape trees wherever they are in the City from whatever threat they face.</p>						
<p>If you are going to plant more trees you then have to ensure the streets are cleaned so in bad weather foot paths etc are clear./ Tree cutting plans</p>					<p>Comment re street cleaning noted. Comment re 'tree cutting plans' not understood.</p>	<p>None</p>

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Trees should be planted in the city centre to provide shade and green spaces for visitors to sit under.	Would like to see more trees planted in city centre.				Comments noted. Plans for more trees in City Centre are referenced in the Strategy (Section 7 regarding Connected Places Strategy), Objectives and Action Plan (Action 3.3)	None
Trees are vitally important on so many levels. Reducing pollution. Enhancing well-being. Supporting wildlife. Not to mention agents in the global fight against climate change. Would be amazing if Wolverhampton became one of the greenest cities in the UK.. something to be hugely proud of. Protect the green belt Build on brownfield					Supportive comments noted & welcome.	None
					Comments noted. Policy on site allocation (including brownfield & greenbelt sites) is outside the scope of the Strategy.	None

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<p>I disagree that some trees should be removed on bantock so they can extend the car park Surely this goes against the saving the planet idea as we need less cars and more trees / Do not fell established trees unnecessarily especially to build car parks</p> <p>Development should be on brown field sites and rewinding of green spaces</p>	<p>Care needs to be taken around which trees are planted where deciduous trees may cause problems on streets where large numbers of elderly people live in wet autumn conditions.</p>				<p>Comments re Bantock Park &amp; tree felling to build a car park noted. This was a separate proposal from the Tree &amp; Woodland Strategy consultation but has been withdrawn.</p>	None
					<p>Comments noted. Policy on site allocation (including brownfield sites) &amp; wider management of open spaces (e.g. rewilding) are outside the scope of the Strategy. Comments about deciduous tree leaves causing problems for elderly noted.</p>	None

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Yes. Trees are a very important asset to the city, wherever they are growing. They improve the environment and people's day to day lives on so many levels./ The phrase "attract investment" should be removed. Trees are for improving the quality of the environment and people's lives. Not the size of bank accounts.	Please see comment above re phrase "attract investment".	Yes. Remove the phrase "and investors". Improvements in the environment will attract investors anyway. This phrase is superfluous and everything does not have to be about money.	No	It's good to see this matter being taken seriously. But. It needs to be part of the overall environmental improvement strategy for the city that includes a cycling/walking/ public transport strategy that will get people out of cars and improve the environment in other ways./ No	Comments noted. Importance of trees as part of a high quality environment to attract investment is important as this supports regeneration, employment and further investment in trees. There are also wider benefits of trees which are also highlighted in the Strategy; it is important that all benefits of trees are acknowledged to widen support for the protection & planting of trees.	None
LEAVE THE TREES ALONE ..	If Wolverhampton Council mean it and dont slip some other agenda in there ... KEEP THESE LOVELY TREES.. PLANT MORE ..	I support everything that SAVES TREES.....		NOT CO,ME UP ON COMPUTER.. SO CANT SEE IT	Comments noted. The Strategy & Action Plan were available on the website & others have commented upon them; unfortunately this consultee was	None

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<p>Why not plant a remembrance woodland where, if people wish, they can pay to plant a tree in memory of a family member who has passed away. It would need to be part of a parkland where people could visit. I think that people are moving away from Victorian graveyard burials and this way you would have a sustainable, eco friendly environment which could be enjoyed.</p>					<p>unable to access them.</p>	<p>Reference to sponsorship of trees as memorials included for consideration in Action 3.10. This could be in a memorial garden.</p>

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Where is the strategy? I cannot answer this as I haven't read it.		Also add - Ensure all new building and development takes place on existing brownfield sites and in areas of dereliction/in need of regeneration. Making efforts to improve the environment and appeal of these areas by planting more trees and planning to include green spaces, rather than destroying huge natural areas and parts of	Do not cut down trees in Bantock Park for a car park extension.		1. Strategy was available on opening page of consultation. Policy on site allocation (including brownfield sites) & regeneration are outside the scope of the Strategy. The Action Plan does include an action to produce revised guidance on trees in new development which will consider increasing requirements for tree protection & planting. 2. Comments re Bantock Park & tree felling to build a car park noted. This was a separate proposal from the Tree & Woodland Strategy consultation but has been withdrawn.	None

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A lot of the trees have been cut down by the council to be replaced by saplings in other parts of the city. If a mature tree is removed the replacement ought to be as close as possible to the original one.		greenbelt with unwanted development for profit (the proposed development of the area around Tong, for example)	Stop cutting down trees to make way for cars.		Comments noted. The aim of the Strategy is to improve protection & provision of trees & include Objectives & Actions aimed at increasing tree cover & replacing trees when they are lost.	None
Joined up thinking with other initiatives.					Comments noted. The aim of the Strategy is to improve coordination & cooperation both within the Council & with partners to improve the protection	None

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<p>If it is followed and reviewed, it is a no brainer. Unfortunately, Wolverhampton has a habit of ignoring strategy agreements such as the Tettenhall Neighbourhood Plan which was supposed to protect Smestow Valley Local Nature Reserve where a housing estate is due to be built. I understand there is also a plan to fell some trees in Bantock Park! Your strategy states that the site of the old WEC is protected but clearly it is not./ Can the strategy be given legal status so that any contravention by a future council would be illegal. Otherwise, there is a real</p>			<p>WV Living won't always be around. Whichever company or companies are responsible for managing and constructing council AND private houses AND industrial units must follow the strategy which must be policed by the Council. Failure to co-operate must be seen to be penalised strongly or else it will be ignored./ Cancel the plan to fell trees in Bantock</p>		<p>&amp; provision of trees in the City.</p> <p>Comments noted. The Strategy does not state that the WEC is protected, although it does list Smestow Valley LNR; site allocations are outside the scope of the Strategy. Proposals re: Bantock Park &amp; WEC are separate from the Tree &amp; Woodland Strategy which does not deal with site allocations &amp; individual proposals. The proposal for Bantock Park has, however, been withdrawn. The Strategy will not be a statutory document. Planning policy can</p>	None

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danger of it being ignored to suit the incumbent council.			Park. Do not extend car park. Cancel plan to build houses on green belt in Smestow Valley Nature Reserve and plant trees there instead. Prove that you mean what you say.		influence protection & provision of trees in new development & for an interim period, enforceable under planning legislation where breached, but cannot dictate long term management of trees or replacement when they become diseased, damaged or die. Once mature, trees can be protected by Tree Preservation Orders if they are considered to provide public amenity & there are sanctions available for unauthorised works or felling of trees thus protected. Housing for WV Living which is for rent will be managed by Wolverhampton Homes under their management regime.	

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That there will need to be proper management of ALL trees. Also consideration of placement and size of grown trees			Cutting back current trees stock that is dangerously close to properties and impeding light means ongoing care and maintenance		Comments noted. The Council attempts to properly manage all trees for which it is responsible within the constraints of existing resources, including those which pose a hazard to people or property. The Council does not control management of trees on private land. Comment noted. The Action Plan contains an action to produce revised guidance on Trees in New Developments (was 1.11, now 1.13) which will consider issues such as replacement of trees on development sites including whether there should be like-	None
If property developer no matter how small cuts down a tree they should replace it						None

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<p>I support their should be more trees planted but not at the expense of losing A beautiful park area. The Council should be doing all it can to plant new trees and also protect those already there. New housing developments should all be required to have green areas including plants and trees to counteract the pollution caused during construction. As the council is now making money from collecting green waste this could be used to plant more trees. There should also be something done to make the City Centre look more green and</p>		<p>Council should stop giving planning permission to people when it means trees and plants are being removed.</p>	<p>Should promote Ecosia to all staff. I'd never heard of it til this survey.</p>	<p>It would be useful to know the results and whether the Council will actually take any of the suggestions on board.</p>	<p>for-like replacement of any trees removed.</p>	<p>None None</p>

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appealing./ I haven't had chance to read the strategy, where is this available?					was available to view on the website at the start of the consultation questionnaire. 4/ The Strategy is not a site allocation document but it is not practical to stop all development in the City; the Strategy is aimed at improving protection & enhancement of provision of trees where development does take place. 5/ The consultation process advised that all consultation comments would be considered and reported to Cabinet.	

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<p>The strategy also needs to identify where resources-financial and physical - are to come from to support a long term strategy at a time where council resources have been placed under severe pressure. Planting trees can be a relatively quick and easy process - their protection from vandalism, disease and weather and maintenance is not - eg the recent HS2 decision not to water trees, let them die and then buy replacements! / Recognition of the specific historical significance of the city's trees. For example a celebration is suggested to be linked to the 1919 Housing Act but not to the Mayor of Wolverhampton announcing his scheme to plant 1,000 trees in the city</p>	<p>Continuing care and maintenance of trees should be a condition of development.</p>	<p>You have got two number 1 priorities in your online version of the strategy - change the second one to 2? Provide help and encouragement for people to maintain and plant trees on their own property and emphasise the need to maintain them despite the temptation to remove them to have 'less maintenance' hard-standing, driveways etc instead.</p>	<p>Where there is a conflict between the need to make parkland and 'green' resources more accessible and the need to maintain existing tree/vegetation cover consider temporary parking extensions such as those which have been used around the West Midlands as a compromise before tree removal - such as proposed at Bantock Park. / Where there are empty, unused, brownfield sites which have been vacant for some time and are</p>	<p>It is excellent that the council is developing the strategy but it needs to be more widely publicised and explained (I did not even know about it until a friend sent me a hard copy because they thought I might be interested./ It would be interesting to see how many people respond to it - I have been encouraging others to do so and most of them have never heard of it?</p>	<p>Comments noted. 1/ Need to identify resources is acknowledged. This has been strengthened in the final draft with references to the Council's Climate Emergency declaration, an aim to increase tree cover &amp; contributing to delivery of wider initiatives in the Objectives and to surveying tree cover &amp; setting targets in the Action Plan. The Strategy &amp; Action Plan remain aspirational, however, with no additional resources currently identified. 2/ Fascinating story about Mayor's tree planting programme announced in 1919; unfortunately there is</p>	<p>1. Error in numbering of objectives corrected. 2. Tree planting programme included in Actions (3.1) including reference to private gardens.</p>

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<p>in his mayoral address on 10 November 1919? The actual plantings over following years saw the trees dedicated - some individually - to those who fell during WW1. These plantings were a national phenomenon and - just over the border - Coseley's Avenue of Remembrance down the Birmingham New Road is marked with a memorial stone and gardens. In Wolverhampton there is nothing to mark plantings this side on Thompson Avenue, Silver Birch Avenue, Bilston Road, All Saints Road, Dunkley Street, Avondale Road, Riches Street, Mason Street, Vicarage Rpad, Walford Road, Stafford Street/Road, Old Heath Road and Willenhall</p>			<p>unlikely to be used in the near future use them as the equivalent of secure 'plant nurseries' for trees so that more mature specimens might be developed for planting elsewhere rather than easy to damage/destroy saplings? This would be better than having them as plantations for buddleia and other invasive species ?</p>		<p>no reference to provide evidence to corroborate. 3/ Planning policy can influence protection &amp; provision of trees in new development &amp; for an interim period, enforceable under planning legislation where breached, but cannot dictate long term management of trees or replacement when they become diseased, damaged or die. Once mature, trees can be protected by Tree Preservation Orders if they are considered to provide public amenity &amp; there are sanctions available for unauthorised works or felling of trees thus protected. 4/ Typo in Objectives noted. 5/</p>	

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Road Estate. In Old Hall Street the Adult Education College students last year created a homage to the plantings in that street and this was unveiled by the mayor in the college reception.					Suggestions for Objectives are detailed &, where included, more appropriate to Action Plan. 6/ Further work with public on tree planting on private land will be considered as part of tree planting programme in support of Council's Climate Change & Sustainability Strategy (Action 3.1). There is also encouragement & support for people to plant trees as part of work with community groups (Action 3.9) , although mainly on public sites. 7/ Point about temporary parking noted, although a point for detailed management rather than this	

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					<p>Strategy. 8/ Temporary use of vacant sites as parks or woodland have been suggested in past but not as plant nurseries. An interesting idea, although it would require willing landowners &amp; resources to develop. Not considered practical enough on basis of current knowledge for inclusion but something to consider for future. 9/ Comments about limits of publicity noted; further publicity will be considered for final strategy.</p>	

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<p>Please plant more trees in green spaces not in residential areas where they cause a mess, are not maintained properly and block the drains. Please do not place TPOs on trees in residential areas. Instead focus on increasing the number of trees in local parks./ Removal of trees fro. Residential areas which are not properly maintained and cause issues with properties and block the drains. They also create a lot of debri which costs a lot of money better spent elsewhere.</p>		<p>Stop planting trees in residential areas and look to remove existing trees. For every tree removed from a residential area, 5 new trees could be planted in green areas.</p>			<p>Comments noted. It is considered that trees are required in all parts of the city, including residential areas where they are important for the range of reasons mentioned in the Strategy. TPOs will continue to be placed on trees of value which make an important contribution to amenity in residential areas. Highway trees are included in a programme of inspection maintenance &amp; leaves etc. are cleared as part of regular street cleansing. Individual issues are addressed when reports are received from the public.</p>	None

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<p>Green space and trees are vital to future generations, climate control and environment. Demand for housing is increasing but along with that should be open spaces, places to walk to make the city more appealing and attractive. Where ever new housing or city development/regeneration is occuring trees and open spaces should be included not as an option but a demand! Roads coming into the city should be all tree lined! / Sustainability and recycling! Try to include communities local groups to advise and maintain so there is responsibility for people to be included.</p>	<p>This is a positive consultation and an excellent move that the council is taking this forward</p>	<p>Yes the strategy is excellent</p>		<p>The strategy and plan looks excellent, but committment and actions take this forward. There already is evidence of good work, i live by bantock park and travel along merridale road and the gardens that have been developed on the grass verges by the council flats are wonderfull but I feel more planting could have been achieved and trees put in, as this is quite a large area and as it goes</p>	<p>Comments noted. 1/ The Council has existing guidance on open space in new developments &amp; will review the guidance on trees in new development &amp; highway design as part of the Action Plan. These will be considered in light of the Council's Climate Emergency declaration. 2/ Comment about sustainability &amp; recycling not understood; there is some reference to community involvement in the Action Plan (2.6, 2.7). 3/ Positive comments welcome. 4/ The Action Plan looks to develop a programme</p>	<p>None</p>

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				around the corner to Aspen way, more could have been achieved, wasted opportunity for trees to also have been planted as there are already some mature trees on the roadside saplings would have complimented the planting.	of tree planting, including on Wolverhampton Homes-managed land, subject to resources being identified.	

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<p>Having read the strategy, I feel that it should be bolder. The report makes a strong case for the environmental, financial and climate mitigating benefits of protecting existing trees and for planting more. However, there is a lot of language such as 'seek to' and 'consider': the council should actually invest in a programme of extending tree cover on land it controls and require all planning permissions to institute a programme of tree/shrub/hedge installation where at all feasible - there's not much point looking after some trees if urban developments are removing plants and soft absorbent surfaces as a matter of course. I would</p>	<p>As suggested above, the strategy is long on good intentions and short on concrete (sorry) plans.</p>		<p>Actual investment; ambitious requirements attached to all planning permissions. / - Cancel planned parking extension/tree cutting at Bantock - Significant expansion of tree cover</p>		<p>1/ Comments about being bolder noted &amp; understood. References to the Council's Climate Emergency declaration, to seeking to increase tree cover &amp; develop a planting programme are included but unfortunately there are not resources to make firm commitments at present. 2/ There are actions on including a range of design guides including those on highway design &amp; new developments to consider increased tree planting. 3/ The importance of hedgerows is now recognised in the strategy &amp; their wider inclusion in highway</p>	<p>References to Climate Emergency included in Foreword, Vision, Objectives &amp; Action Plan. Reference to increasing tree cover enhanced in Vision, Objectives &amp; Action Plan (2.1). Reference to developing targets for increasing tree cover &amp; developing planting programme are included in Action Plan (1.2, 1.3). References to hedgerows</p>

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<p>also suggest - perhaps more radically - that the council consider replacing existing or planned barriers and fences with hedging. This would see no loss in security/safety, and considerable environmental improvements in terms of materials used and ongoing benefits./ Ambition.</p>					<p>schemes will be considered as part of the design guide review. 4/ The proposals for Bantock Park are separate from the Strategy but have been withdrawn. 5/ Targets for expansion of tree cover are included for development in the Action Plan.</p>	<p>added through document.</p>
<p>Trees must be protected in all cases unless diseased or unsafe, particularly in the cities parks./ More extensive tree planting programmes are required across the city and particularly in inner city areas.</p>	<p>See above</p>				<p>Comments noted. Programme for developing tree planting programme enhanced alongside targets for increasing tree cover which now included in Action Plan. Need to target areas of low tree cover, such as inner</p>	<p>Added Action on developing targets to increase tree cover (1.3) &amp; reference to increasing tree cover &amp; developing tree planting programme</p>

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			1.14, 1.18, 1.20, 2.5,2.7, 2.8 ,3.2,3.4, 3.8, 3.9, 4.3,	It needs to be given serious status unlike the the Tettenhall Local Neighbourhood Plan	Comments noted. The Strategy will influence other Council guidance & actions. It will not have the statutory status of the Tettenhall Neighbourhood Plan which is part of the Development Plan.	None
I am concerned about the destruction of trees, and gardens and lawns, on people's property. A great many front gardens are simply car-parking areas, some without even drainage.				Lofty ideals - but it needs putting into practice - energising the citizens of Wolverhampton, and changing mindsets. Perhaps work should start in schools.	Comments noted & understood. Many conversions of front gardens to car parking do not require express planning permissions; those without drainage that do are difficult to monitor & follow up. The Strategy is aspirational. The Action Plan does contain an action	None

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Guaranteed ongoing programme to maintain trees					about working with schools (2.7) & specifically on tree planting schemes where possible (3.10).	None
					Existing maintenance programme referenced in Strategy, management (including maintenance) referenced in Objectives & section on Maintenance in Action Plan along with reference to current policy on maintenance (Action 1.21).	

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I think there needs to be greater focus of finances- and a dedicated commitment or item or action- to devise a sustainable funding model- not just grant aid.	A commitment to a canopy measure and increase over a specific timeline	1.A dedicated action to develop a sustainable funding model. 2. A canopy increase commitment over a specific timeline. 3. Working with local universities or other institutions over research- University of Birmingham can offer support through WM-Air/ see above, 1,2,3,	Strong and detailed association with climate emergency  Equally strong	Well done Please contact University of Birmingham WM-Air project- as they can offer support over air quality in particular.	Comments noted. 1/ Unfortunately no regular funding stream for planting has so far been identified. 2/ Action now included to develop targets for increasing tree cover (1.3). 3/ Not quite research, but Objective added to contribute to wider initiatives. 4/ References to Climate Emergency added - see changes made. 5/ References to air quality & public health benefits included in Strategy (Section 3) & to public health in in Actions (1.5, 1.6, 1.7). Not clear what benefits a reference to further health documents would add; health benefits of trees relate	Added: 1/ Action to carry out survey of tree cover & develop targets to support aspiration increase cover (1.3). 2/ Reference to Climate Emergency added in Foreword, Vision & Objectives & to Climate Change & Sustainability Strategy in Action Plan (1.2, 2.1, 3.1).

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Much still to do to clean our city air and more planting is really vital			and dedicated association to JSNA/STP/ health outcomes & plans		to physical activity, mental health, air quality, noise (to a limited extent), heat stress & wider long term effects of climate change on health & wellbeing. These are wider determinants of health which are not foremost in JSNA & STP. 6/ WM Air project is a wider air quality project of which Wolverhampton Council is aware & on which it will work along with other partners including WMCA. It is not thought necessary to specifically mention it in this context. Comment noted	None

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<p>Please stop cutting down hundred year old trees to manage them. Some of the current destructive approach particular in residential areas is heartbreaking. There is no way that tiny twig like trees will have the same impact in the area as 100 year old trees. / Please include details on how you plan to transport people to some of these beautiful spaces that we have. People that cannot drive for various reasons are excluded from coming into the city centre either due to a lack of public transport, a lack of suitable bike lanes or simply the cost of entering the city by public transport. If there were more localised green spaces and an encouragement for local green businesses in the</p>		<p>More people would use the green spaces if they felt safer, maybe you could look at how you work with partner organisations to improve security following high profile murders and crimes in our parks.</p>			<p>1/ Not clear to what trees the respondent is referring but it is agreed that mature trees have far more overall benefits than young trees (though younger trees absorb more carbon dioxide during more rapid early period of growth). 2/ Transport planning &amp; promotion of sustainable transport are outside the remit of the Strategy though can be considered as part of Action 2.7 to involve all sections of community in access to trees &amp; also may be relevant to management plans of individual parks etc. 3/ Community safety also relevant to Action 2.7</p>	<p>Add to notes relating to Action 2.7 to reference access (including transport) &amp; community safety for consideration as barriers to access tree-related activities in parks etc.</p>

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<p>different wards this may help. There is little point regenerating the city centre green spaces and attracting businesses if everyone in the outskirts is stuck in their locality and just sticks to online ordering. Its just short of a tenner for a family to get into the City centre to use West Park on public transport. People then drive to these spaces meaning more car parks and pollution and less quality green space and fresh air.</p>	<p>There is no issue more important than climate change. Until this is mitigated there is no point investing elsewhere.</p>		<p>Just get it done, there's no time for council procedure, the earth is literally dying. When our grandchildren say 'what did you do when the earth</p>		<p>&amp; access to tree-related activity.</p> <p>Points re climate change noted. Plan revised.</p>	<p>Reference to Council's Climate Emergency (Foreword, Vision, Objectives) added with firmer actions on developing</p>

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<p>The number of trees in the city does seem to be decreasing. With new developments and changes to properties trees seem to be removed and not replaced. Also the trees which have TPOs need to be reviewed as many of these trees are no longer in good health and possibly need to be felled or crowned. TPOs are important, but those that are protected need to be maintained./ trees which have TPOs need to be reviewed as many of these trees are no longer in good</p>	<p>Very much so the improvement of air quality. The city centre needs more trees especially in areas of high traffic pollution. I saw the images for the proposed westside link, there aren't enough trees in those pictures.</p>		<p>was burning' do you want the answer to be 'I sat in 10 meetings about whether to plant a tree in location a or b'?</p>		<p>Comments noted. The Council, through the TPO system, encourages tree owners to undertake appropriate arboricultural management on all trees, including granting permission for felling or pruning where justified by circumstances. The Council undertakes reviews of existing orders as required. There is an aspiration to increase trees in City Centre &amp; revise</p>	<p>targets &amp; tree planting programme.</p> <p>Reference to review of TPOs &amp; encouraging owners to undertake appropriate management added to Section 5.</p>

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Reduction/removal of trees that are too large for the environment in which they grow - Merry Hill around Fareham Cres etc are good examples			This is a ten year plan, however the latter years have no detail/targets to achieve.  Is there a plan to more accurately record the total number of trees in the city, whereby removed trees are taken off the registrar and new trees added - where would self sets sit in this record? / Promotion of the	Would the council benefit from residents in the city feeding back the number of trees growing upon their property or that of their landlord - sort of spring watch approach, thus enabling a more accurate assessment of biodiversity and environmental calculations	Comments noted. 1/ Trees are removed where they are considered to be diseased, dead or dangerous or are causing damage to property. 2/ Acknowledged - most actions are in early years. The intention is to review the Action Plan after three years & later Actions will be added then. 3/ There are no plans to more accurately record individual trees for maintenance records	Reference to using native species added to Objectives & enhanced in Action Plan (e.g. 3.3, 3.9, 4.2, 4.3).

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			<p>best type of trees/hedges to support the aims identified - but with guidance as to where to plant noting affect upon properties of certain species.</p> <p>Should guidance advise reader to check any agreement with landlord before considering new planting ??</p>		<p>but to survey tree cover &amp; consider setting targets to increase cover. 4/ Reference to native species &amp; climate adaption are included in Strategy &amp; Actions as part of consideration of best species to use. Size &amp; likely effect on adjacent properties are also considerations; the Council does not now generally plant larger forest trees as street trees. 4/ Tenants should be aware of any agreement with their landlord; any individual tree planting schemes will include tenants to check with their landlord. 5/ Encouraging public</p>	

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recording of trees on private property is an interesting idea but there are not resources to establish such a scheme & it is not considered a priority.

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<p>It is good that the strategy is comprehensive, covering trees on both public and private land. We also welcome the fact that chapters 2 and 3 set out the importance of trees in Wolverhampton and the important benefits that they provide for local people. The section on air quality could provide a link to the TDAG report "First steps in Air Quality".... I will email a copy of this. We are grateful to you for including several references to the Woodland Trust report "Trees and Residential Development"..... might be worth checking that you are using the most up to date edition of this, as we did a revision of it in 2019.</p> <p>In the section on Trees on Council land, you could</p>	<p>The vision provides a positive statement of the importance of trees and woods in Wolverhampton. Some of the points in the vision support principles in the Charter for Trees Woods and People, which the Council has said it wishes to endorse. Might it be useful to put this up front as part of the vision by adding to bullet point 1.2: "As part of this vision, the Council supports and wishes to take forward the ten principles in the Charter for Trees, Woods and People".</p>	<p>There is a typo in that there are two number ones in the list of objectives. We would like to see the first objective be to increase the current level of tree and woodland coverage across the city. Starting with an objective of merely maintaining tree cover comes over as lacking in ambition. In July (after this draft strategy was published), the</p>	<p>We welcome most of the points in the Action Plan and particular the endorsement of the principles in the Charter for Trees, Woods and People. A link to the Tree Charter website could be included to enable readers to get more detail. Encouraging use of the Ecosia search engine is good, as every click helps to plant trees, albeit not necessarily in the UK. As mentioned earlier, an action on obtaining trees which are UK sourced and</p>	<p>We look forward to meeting with the Council as planned in October to discuss how the strategy can be delivered and to further explore links to the Tree Charter</p>	<p>Numerous supportive comments welcomed. 1/ Chapters 2 &amp; 3 are summaries &amp; intended to highlight main issues with key references, not go into detail. 2019 issue of WT document is indeed referenced. 2/ Reference added to tree planting to mark occasions &amp; anniversaries but wary of listing individual occasions (there are too many to mention &amp; they quickly become dated). 3/ Text added re joint working with WT &amp; BCC. 4/ This strategy is not intended to go into too much detail, particularly operational detail which may change during lifetime</p>	<p>2/ Reference added to planting for occasions &amp; anniversaries (paragraph 4.3) 3/ Text added to paragraph 8.2 re. joint working with WT &amp; BCC to explore Black Country programme. 4/ Added reference in paragraph 4.2 to further details of what tree works the Council will/ will not consider being listed on the Council's website. 5/ Reference to Climate Emergency now in Foreword, Vision &amp;</p>

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<p>mention that local MP Pat McFadden planted five trees in West Park at the end of 2018 as part of the Queens Commonwealth Canopy project.</p> <p>You could mention that Woodland Trust and Natural England are currently working with the Black Country Consortium and the four councils to develop an approach to tree planting in the Black Country, including encouraging more tree planting in the Black Country Garden City. I am happy to provide more information on this if you need it or we can discuss at our scheduled meeting with Ric Bravery in October.</p> <p>Peterborough's Tree</p>		<p>Council declared a climate emergency. The Government appointed Committee on Climate Change has recently recommended that 30,000 hectares of new woodland needs to be planted each year as part of the UK's response to climate change, so this needs to be reflected in the ambitions set in local tree strategies.</p>	<p>grown would be helpful. 1.18 could go beyond taking note of tree disease and advocate drawing up a separate action plan for dealing with tree disease impacts; for example, large scale loss of ash trees due to ash dieback is likely in the next few years 1.20. We would like to see a commitment to at least two for one replacement of council trees which have to be removed, as near as possible to the site of the original tree You could</p>		<p>of strategy. Details of what works will &amp; will not be considered are on the Council's website. 5/ Reference to Climate Emergency included in Strategy &amp; to developing targets in Action Plan. Need to identify funding to deliver any targets. 6/ Good suggestion about Charter for Trees, Woods &amp; People; added. 7/ typo noted. 8/ Comments acknowledged re ambition to increase tree cover in Objectives &amp; to carrying out survey &amp; setting targets. 9/ Reference to UK sourced trees + cultural &amp; historical value of trees in</p>	<p>Objectives; to Climate Change &amp; Sustainability Strategy in Action Plan; &amp; to developing targets in Action Plan. 6/ Reference to Charter for Trees, Woods &amp; People added to Foreword &amp; to Vision. 7/ Typo corrected. 8/ Ambition to increase tree cover in city added to Objectives &amp; carrying out of survey &amp; setting targets added to Action Plan. 9/ Ref to UK sourced &amp; grown tree species &amp; to</p>

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<p>Strategy has a section on circumstances where the Council will not prune or remove trees. This might help to constrain expectations by residents and give officers a policy context for responding to resident enquiries</p>		<p>We recommend that the Council considers carrying out an ltree survey to measure its tree canopy and sets targets in the Tree Strategy for increasing canopy cover over time. There will always be financial constraints but, if the Council is saying there is a climate emergency, as there undoubtedly is, then robust</p>	<p>add a caveat (eg subject to available resources and planting sites. 1.21 Same comment as for 1.18 1.23 Same comment as for 1.20 2.3 and 2.4 Thank you for linking this to Tree Charter Day. 2.5 and 2.6. Could mention that Woodland Trust community tree packs are available to schools and friends of parks groups to help them create small areas of new woodland</p>		<p>Objectives accepted. 10/ Reference to NPPF noted but the Objectives are broad, the point also refers to other trees &amp; this is not policy; change made however to preserving veteran trees. 11/ Point re link to Tree Charter noted. 12/. It is not considered necessary to list in Action Plan for tree disease impacts for 1.18 &amp; 1.21. 13/ Comments re Action 1.20 acknowledged. 14/ Additions to Actions 2.5 &amp; 2.6 accepted. 15/ Re Friends of Parks Groups, one point is about establishing new groups as part of Engagement &amp; Promotion, another is</p>	<p>historical &amp; cultural value of trees added to Objectives. 10/ Change reference in Objectives to preserving rather than protecting veteran trees. 11/ Link to Tree Charter added to Action Plan. 13/ Reference to aspiration for 2-for-1 tree replacement on street &amp; park trees added to notes on Action 1.22 &amp; 1.25 (formerly 1.20 &amp; 1.23). 14/ Refs to Community Tree Packs added to 2.5 &amp; 2.6 (now 2.6 &amp; 2.7) added.</p>
<p>Could the Council adopt a target of planting a tree for every person, or for every child etc ? Such targets are becoming popular across the country and help focus attention on tree planting. It would be good to see tree planting referred to as an important mechanism for tacking the climate emergency.</p>						

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		<p>and significant action is needed. The other objectives are generally good but could an additional objective be added to ensure that all trees planted by the Council are UK sourced and grown, so as to minimise the danger of introducing disease wherever possible.</p> <p>Could an objective be added on recognising</p>	<p>3.3 We welcome the commitment here to a net increase in tree cover in the city centre            Could 3.8 be combined with 2.5 as it seems to be making a similar point ?            3.9 We welcome the commitment to use Section 106 funds for tree planting. If you are able to provide examples of where this is happening it may be useful in helping us promote this idea to other councils            4.1 seems to be a duplication of 3.8</p>		<p>about working with them to deliver New Trees &amp; Woodland, another about Maintenance. May be arbitrary but reflects the role of these groups across all 3 areas. 16/ It is not considered feasible to map unmapped ancient woodland at present; to be considered as part of future work. 17/ Comment re Tree &amp; Turf report noted. There is a broader action regarding developing programme of tree planting which will encompass such sites. 18/ Comments re Tree Charter principle on Utility &amp; Livelihoods noted. Existing reference to</p>	<p>15/ &amp; 17/ Actions 3.1 &amp; 3.2 relating to development of tree planting programme has been moved &amp; enhanced. 18/ Reference to developing skills in woodworking added to objectives. 19/ Reference added to Action 2.8 regarding considering transport &amp; other barriers to accessing woodland. 20/ Wider Action 2.1 on promoting tree planting associated with Climate Change Strategy &amp; Sustainability</p>

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		<p>and promoting the cultural and historical importance of trees: links to tree charter principle on arts and heritage?</p> <p>We would like the wording of objective 2 to reflect the wording in para 175c of the National Planning Policy Framework ...ie that any loss of ancient woodland or ancient/veteran trees should be wholly exceptional.</p>	<p>and 2.5? 4.2 Woodland Trust is developing a street trees offer in 2020 and we would be interested in talking to you about this</p> <p>Could an action be added on mapping any unmapped areas of ancient woodland? In general, only those areas over 2ha in size are recorded on the ancient woodland inventory held by Natural England, or does the council already have such records? Also, it</p>		<p>procurement already in Objectives &amp; further reference added re wood working but cannot commit to more given resources. Issue of local use of timber &amp; possibly establishing social enterprise to manage woodland discussed in past but resources not identified to develop idea &amp; there is doubt that the volume of timber exists in Wolverhampton to support such an initiative; it is better considered at a Black Country level. This is an issue that can be reviewed when the Action Plan is reviewed. 19/ Issues of public transport/ cycle access outside scope</p>	

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		The current wording in objective 2 says "protect" but it does not specify how strong that protection should be.	would be useful to identify any ancient or veteran trees that are not recorded on the Woodland Trust's Ancient Tree Inventory. It would be useful to see an action relating to the Woodland Trust's Trees or Turf report: ie encouraging the creation of small areas of new woodland on underused areas of amenity grassland, so as to deliver cost savings, as well as a range of other benefits. Is there a possible action linked to		of Strategy but reference added as a consideration in considering access to all. Interpretive signage too detailed as Action for Action Plan. 20/ Detailed action for encouraging residents to consider biodiversity not considered realistic at present given resource constraints; could be considered as part of broader promotion in new Action 2.1 regarding promotion of Strategy as part of Climate Change work. 21/ Consulting residents when trees removed is covered by Action 2.2. (was 2.1).	

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			<p>the Tree Charter principle on Utility and Livelihoods.  eg creating community orchards, use of wood as a construction material or work to develop a local timber industry  Possible action around encouraging access to local woods by providing public transport links, secure parking for cycles or information on location of woods and interpretation signage on site etc  Possible action on encouraging</p>			

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			<p>residents to manage parts of their gardens for biodiversity including planting trees where appropriate. Could provide a link to the Woodland Trust's Native Tree Shop where residents can purchase trees</p> <p>Might be useful to say something about committing to consult residents when trees have to be removed..</p>			

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			I am responding from Wildside Activity Centre. Our experience as a conservation organisation is that it is very easy to obtain trees for planting often free (e.g. via the Woodland Trust). However, the City Council in our experience is often reluctant to allow trees to be planted in parks or reserves or open spaces because of concerns about future maintenance responsibility. The budget for maintenance	At Wildside Activity Centre, we see the benefits to people of getting out in or near woodland on a daily basis. We provide tree related education and activities to try to increase interest in trees and looking after them. We are willing to contribute where practical to joint events about trees.	Comments about benefits of trees & willingness of Wildside Activity Centre to work with Council are welcomed. The Council does plant trees & work with community groups to do this in parks & open spaces but has to work within existing budgets. This needs to be considered as part of wider work to develop a tree planting programme. The issue raised by Wildside AC does, however, constrain the Council's ability to work with groups to plant large numbers of trees.	None

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Help to improve air quality. Support health and wellbeing.	Benefits of trees good for climate. We need to tackle climate change. We need to plant more trees. When planting trees, particularly street trees they need to be	n/a	needs to be increased as otherwise there will always be reticence about planting new or replacing old trees. The schedules for inspection seem to show a low rate for inspections.	no/ no	Benefits of trees to air quality & health & wellbeing are already referenced in Strategy. Other positive comments noted. Comments noted. The Council does consider size when planting	None  None

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Caring for our trees needs to be a priority / Protection of existing trees on private land especially where building developments are taking place. Review of tree protection orders and strict enforcement.	of a suitable size when fully grown and not forest trees such as oaks.		Replacement and expansion of street trees encourage tree planting by tenant and landlords especially native British species.		trees, including street trees.	Reference to review of TPOs and enforcement of TPOs added to Section 5 of Strategy. Actions in Action Plan to promoting Tree & Woodland Strategy & developing & promoting tree planting programme added/ enhanced (2.1, 3.1 & 3.2). Increased reference to native species added to Objectives & Action Plan (e.g.

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<p>Re-watch the 1995 BBC TV2 Nature Special 'CITY TREES' - Under the Axe? with Wolverhampton's own tree campaigner Prof Chris Baines. This prog featured W'ton Metropolitan Borough Council. / Put TPO on every tree in the town. Stop felling trees. Fine and jail those who do remove trees and those who vandalise saplings ie greens.</p>					<p>Native species referenced in Action Plan (e.g. 3.3, 3.9, 4.2, 4.3).</p>	<p>3.3, 3.9, 4.2, 4.3).</p>
				<p>More urban London plain street/road trees, cleaning filthy city air of toxic pollution. / 1. Will Council &amp; Amey tree felling continue on the quiet? 2. 40 years too late.</p>	<p>Comments noted. It is not practical to put a tree preservation order on every tree in the City. Action is taken against those who breach the law on protected trees. The Action Plan includes developing a tree planting programme which will cover street trees. Some trees will continue to be felled for particular reasons but more effort will be made to replace them &amp; plant additional</p>	<p>Section 5 of Strategy on protected trees has additional information including enforcement.</p>

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We need lots of trees for clean air!					trees. Additional information on health & other benefits of trees noted.	
Be careful for Dutch Elm Disease and other conditions.					Comment noted. The Strategy includes a reference to air quality Comment noted. The Council is aware of the risk of Dutch elm disease.	None  None
Over the years I have been concerned to see "lip service" to protecting/maintaining trees. In my own street: trees removed because "in way of drive" (council worker):not so - an green verge on centre line of semi. The trees replacing those damaged by contractors installing cable		Will the council follow this? As I write I have read plans to remove mature trees at Bantock Park to create car parking spaces. Health of trees and		Glad to see it.	Comments noted. Unable to comment on individual anecdote. Modern services, such as cables, do create problems for planting & maintaining street trees. There are sanctions available to the Council to deal with damage to or removal of trees	Section 5 of Strategy supplemented with additional information about legal protection of protected trees & enforcement.

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- not monitored, die. / Director to policy to support stratgey. Will there be penalties that actually deter false statements leading to the loss, "accidental" loss through contractors (private as well as public) pleading ignorance and error.		park users not prioritised as this plan suggests.	Any proposed incursion into existing woodland must be resisted.	There needs to be close scrutiny of all planning applications for development of land where the possibility of trees and hedges is concerned.	protected by TPOs as referenced in Section 5. These are set by the law and the courts. The aim of the Strategy & Action Plan are to raise the profile of trees within the Council & increase support for their protection & provision. The proposals for Bantock Park were separate from the Strategy but have been withdrawn. Comments noted. Protection of trees is considered as part of assessment of planning applications & one of Actions in Action Plan is to produce revised guidance for trees in new developments. The Council does use	Section 5 of Strategy supplemented with additional information about legal protection of protected trees & enforcement.

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<p>We are loosing to many trees of various sizes. I recently had an experience where a preservation order was removed, just because 1 person did not like the leaves on her garden. The beautiful tree was felled, to great sorrow in Merry Hill. She promptly left 6 months later.</p> <p>We should be protecting as much as possible, they have great health benefits, not just air pollution, but the cherry trees in the Penn area, give such a</p>	<p>We need to protect green spaces as wee, green belt, should not be built on. Our children and adults need space to breathe. Houses should be on brown sites only.</p>	<p>Please make sure these wonderful proposals are acted upon asap, and do not get lost in red tape./ More preservation orders put on trees, and new housing development to be monitored to ensure existing old trees really are protected.</p>		<p>Effective sanctions on those who breach rules must be enforced.</p>	<p>its powers to enforce against damage to protected trees where necessary.</p>	<p>None</p>

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good sense of wellbeing they are a joy to see in Spring and contribute to mental health. / Please see previous					trees where considered appropriate & reports of unauthorised works investigated. Routine monitoring of housing developments does not take place.	

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<p>I wonder what weight will be given to the strategy?/ Or, when the next development opportunity comes along, will the trees be the first thing to get the chop as usual?There doesn't seem to be anything in the Action Plan about protecting green spaces. Did I read somewhere that Wolverhampton has a below average proportion of green spaces compared to other local authorities? So, protecting the ones we do have should be written into policy (expanding green areas would be even better)</p>	<p>Not sure about 'support regeneration and attract investment'. These are usually 2 of the main reasons given for getting rid of trees! (e.g woodland for the i54 expansion)</p>		<p>Points 1.8, 1.9 and 1.10 seem to be about providing housing, so they should appear in a housing strategy, not a tree strategy. 1.9 in particular talks of the 'selection of larger housing sites'. Thses should be specified as brownfield sites. If you build on green sites, you're still losing trees. Any trees added later to such a development can be seen as a mere PR exercise. / No net loss of trees (e.g.</p>	<p>Very suspicious of the term 'Natural Capital'. Nature is NOT 'capital'. Whoever came up with this idea is clearly trying to put a price on the natural world and turn it into a commodity, or reduce it to a figure in a column on a balance sheet. Nature is much more than that.</p>	<p>Comments noted. The aim of the Strategy is to raise the profile &amp; priority given to trees within the Council &amp; in decision making. This Strategy is about trees &amp; woodland; not open spaces. The Council has a separate Open Space Strategy, as mentioned in this document. Trees &amp; woodland can enhance the image of the City &amp; contribute to its regeneration. Recognising the value of trees in all its aspects will help ensure their protection &amp; provision. A Tree &amp; Woodland Strategy is not about stopping all development but about how we value, protect &amp; provide trees in the</p>	<p>Clarification &amp; greater prominence of: developing &amp; promoting tree planting programme (Actions 1.2, 2.1, 3.1, 3.2); protection of trees &amp; woodland (Objectives); seeking to increase tree cover (Vision, Objectives, Action); plus addition of Actions re surveying tree cover &amp; setting targets (1.3).</p>

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			<p>1.17) The Action Plan says nothing about increasing tree numbers, although this is stated in the strategy objectives (no.3) However, I'm wary of a potential loophole. You can't destroy a wood (for example) and re-plant new trees elsewhere. It takes 20 or more years to become a wood. But the other plants and wildlife are lost, probably forever.</p>		<p>urban area. 21.8, 1.9 &amp; 1.10 are about developing an investment strategy for natural capital, including trees, &amp; provision of trees in new development so are relevant to the Strategy. This is a Tree &amp; Woodland Strategy &amp; does not deal with site allocations but it is incorrect to say building on greenfield sites automatically results in loss of trees; in fact they present an opportunity to increase tree cover if designed with additional open space &amp; tree planting. An Action &amp; Objective were included in the original strategy to develop a tree planting</p>	

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