

Bassetlaw District Council response to Inspectors Action List

Action 100 - Matter 12

BDC to provide a note identifying where tree planting will take place

BDC Response

The following approach will be used:

1. In the first instance tree planting should take place on site
2. Where it is not feasible for the full/part tree planting allowance to be provided on site, a financial contribution will be sought in lieu of the outstanding provision to enable tree planting to take place within the locality.

The Council owns a large amount of land in the district, particularly in the Main Towns. A Council priority is to make effective use of land and make green infrastructure more multifunctional.

BDC confirm that tree planting can be provided on range of sites. These include:

Kilton Forest Golf Course, Worksop second phase
Langold Country Park including Dyscarr Woods NR
Sandhill Lake LWS, Worksop
Bracebridge Road Playing Field, Worksop
Farr Park Recreation Ground, Worksop
Worksop Show Ground, Worksop

Welham Road, Retford
Kings Park, Retford
Goosemore Playing Field, Ordsall
Sandhills, Retford
Leverton Road, Retford

Tommy Simpson Field, Harworth

The Council are also due to take a transfer of public open space at the new Gateford Park development which has capacity to accommodate trees in the future.

Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust have indicated that they'd be looking to identify priority sites to enhance the Nature Recovery Network through the Nottinghamshire Nature Recovery Strategy that is underway at the moment.

Through partnership working with the Environment Agency and BDC there's also opportunities for tree planting to add significant value to natural flood management along the River Ryton and along the River Poulter.

There may also be opportunities to work with the RSPB and National Trust at Sherwood Forest/Clumber Park for example.

If the trees form part of a development site they would be planted by the developers. The Council's Parks and Open Spaces team would oversee planting on Council owned land.

Planting on other sites would be managed by partners, such as; NWT, Woodland Trust, National Trust or Sherwood Forest Trust for example.

The Council's Arboricultural Officer would advise on the appropriate species mix in different parts of the district at planning application stage. This would also inform a SPD to follow the Local Plan.