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New tree planting in Picton Square / Bath Buildings

We are providing a shortlist of suitable species for the Picton Square location for residents in the immediate vicinity and we would like to know your preference.

We plant standard specimen trees with a clear single stem and the crown grows from 6 foot and up so this should maintain residents perception of safety. When drawing up these trees we have considered sight lines and perception of safety around the Square so these trees are narrow with a relatively light canopy. They are also small species that have a small upright crown so as not to reach the adjacent buildings in maturity.

Bristol City Council does accept there are consequences of living near trees, which may include some shade and leaf fall, and that this may cause frustration. But the enormous benefits of living with trees around us outweigh these seasonal inconveniences.

We would like to know your preference from the following tree species for Picton Square:

1 Amelanchier lamarckii "Robin Hill" - Oval leaves, coppery red and silky when young, colouring rich in the autumn. COVERED with white blossom in early spring. SUPERB street tree. Size in maturity (approx 25 years) 2.5m across, 8m high.

2) Prunus "Sunset Boulevard" (flowering cherry) - strong formal shape, ideal for street planting. Fantastic autumn colour. Attractive delicate pink flower. Very long-lived for a cherry tree. Size in maturity (approx 25 years) 3m across, 10m high.

3) Hippophae rhamnoides "Streetwise" (sea buckthorn) - A small tree with pretty narrow silvery leaves. Very tough and withstands poor sites very well once established. Successfully used as a street tree in tough urban situations. Size in maturity (approx 25 years) 3m across, 8m high.

Please respond with your preference or questions to the contact details above before MONday 6 February 2012.

