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The Resident

Dear Resident,

### **New tree planting in vicinity of Colston Girls School**

TreeBristol is Bristol City Council's tree planting campaign, we replace lost trees and plant new ones in streets, parks, green spaces and grass verges.

Following tree loss due to building development in the Colston Girls school grounds we have secured planning section 106 funding to plant new trees in newly built tree pits in the school's surrounding areas. These new trees will bring many benefits to the people, wildlife and environment in this neighbourhood.

Having surveyed several sites for their suitability and feasibility, and conducted local consultation we are now in a position to proceed with 4 new trees, please see attached plans:

- 1) Turbo Island (junction Stokes Croft / Jamaica Street) - plane tree (*Platanus x acerifolia*)
- 2) Gloucester Road (junction Elton Road) - lime tree (*Tilia cordata*)
- 3) Gloucester Road (outside New Sandringham House) - lime tree (*Tilia cordata*)
- 4) Picton Square / Bath Buildings - species to be selected from approved shortlist by immediate neighbours to tree planting location

The TreeBristol team carry out responsible tree planting. This means we plant "the right tree in the right place". We consider highway, footway and grass verge widths, the proximity of trees to properties, the surrounding neighbourhood, the size, habit and long term management of suitable tree species.

We plant trees during the winter months, between November and March when they are dormant. The new tree will be staked and guarded then watered regularly and mulched for



the first three years to ensure they establish and after this point the trees will enter the council's regular tree management programme.

We are committed to planting trees, because of the numerous benefits they bring to us including:

**Well being:** They make us feel more relaxed and add character to our neighbourhoods.

**Environmental:** Trees act as full time air filters, giving us cleaner air.

**Wildlife:** Trees are a vital source of food and shelter for birds and wildlife, bringing nature to our doorstep.

**Road safety:** Tree-lined streets improve the attention of drivers and this encourages slower driving.

**Economic benefits:** Property values are higher in tree-lined streets compared to similar streets without trees.

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.

If you would like more information or would like to give comment about this particular project or if you would like to know how you can support TreeBristol please do contact me as above.

Yours sincerely,

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