

Newcastle Borough Council

Borough Tree Planting Phase 7 Consultation Outcome Report

17th November 2025

The consultation on the proposed Phase 7 sites of the Council's Borough Tree Planting Strategy has now concluded and this brief report summarises the responses received.

Consultation took place starting on 26th September 2025 and concluding on 14th November 2025.

Consultation

Ward members were notified of the consultation and provided with a plan of the proposals for their ward, along with a letter for distribution which signposted interested parties to the Council's website where they could submit comments. Promotion of the consultation also took place across social media platforms.

Phase 7 proposals consist of 8 sites, which are scheduled to be planted in February – March 2026, subject to the outcome of the consultation. The eight sites include Bathpool Park (Talke and Butt Lane), Birchenwood Countryside Park (Kids Grove and Ravenscliffe), Crackley Recreation Ground (Crackley and Red Street), The Donkey Field to the rear of Ellams Place (Silverdale), Station Walks by King Street (Town), Land by Paris Avenue opposite The Butts (Thistleberry), Queen Elizabeth Park (Town), and Land off Bignall End Road (Audley).

28 responses were received in total. Bathpool Park (5), Birchenwood Countryside Park (3), Crackley Recreation Ground (3), The Donkey Field to the rear of Ellams Place (2), Station Walks by King Street (5), Land by Paris Avenue opposite The Butts (3), Queen Elizabeth Park (3) and Land off Bignall End Road (3).

Bathpool Park received five responses which supported the proposals and was supportive of the use of native species, fruit trees, woodland habitat, trees for wildlife and a wider range of species to ensure resilience to climate change and diseases, and to increase biodiversity.

Birchenwood Countryside Park has received three responses which supported the proposed planting for the site. It was indicated that they would like native species, fruit trees, woodland habitat, trees for wildlife and a wider range of species to ensure resilience to climate change and diseases, and to increase biodiversity.

Crackley Recreation Ground received three responses, which supported the proposals and was supportive of the use of native species, fruit trees, woodland habitat, trees for wildlife and a wider range of species to ensure resilience to climate change and diseases, and to increase biodiversity.

The Donkey Field to the rear of Ellams Place received two responses, which support the proposals and suggest the use of native species, fruit trees, woodland habitat, trees for wildlife and a wider range of species to ensure resilience to climate change and diseases, and to increase biodiversity.

Station Walks received five responses, supporting the proposals. The responses were supportive of the use of native species, fruit trees, woodland habitat, trees for wildlife and a wider range of species to ensure resilience to climate change and diseases, and to increase biodiversity.

One also raised concern over what they perceive to be the loss of many trees in the Knutton area over the last decade which they believe have not been replaced, and request that replanting takes place.

Paris Avenue received three responses, which suggested that the use of native species, fruit trees, woodland habitat, trees for wildlife and a wider range of species to ensure resilience to climate change and diseases, and to increase biodiversity.

Queen Elizabeth Park received three responses, all supportive of the proposals and the use of native species, fruit trees, woodland habitat, trees for wildlife and a wider range of species to ensure resilience to climate change and diseases, and to increase biodiversity.

Land off Bignall End Road received three responses, including one from Audley Parish Council. Two of the responses suggested that the use of native species, fruit trees, woodland habitat, trees for wildlife and a wider range of species to ensure resilience to climate change and diseases, and to increase biodiversity. Audley Parish Council have asked that they take the proposals to their meeting on the 20th November 2025, for discussion.

Conclusion

The responses received appear to indicate support for the tree planting proposals as currently designed. It is considered that when/if support for the Bignall End Road site is confirmed by Audley Parish Council, subject to any changes, the tree planting is delivered as per the proposals in February to March 2026.