the tree council

Working together for the love of trees

Help us shape the future of our trees

Respond to Defra's England Tree Strategy consultation

Government is seeking views to inform the new England Tree Strategy

This public consultation is a once-in-a-generation opportunity for the government to make real, lasting commitments to England's trees and hedgerows.

The Tree Council welcomes the consultation and the efforts that have been made to publish it in good time for everyone to be able to contribute. But we want a strategy that pushes even further and faster, providing funds to establish and protect trees across the widest spectrum of our urban and rural landscapes, as

well as thinking of trees as assets, not liabilities.

At present, our chief concern is to ensure that sufficient attention and funding goes into environments beyond our large-scale forests and managed woodlands. This includes hedgerows, street trees, community orchards, wood pasture, parkland and the landscapes which house our precious ancient trees.

Help us call for a tree-filled future by responding to this consultation. You don't have to answer all questions, and you don't need to be a tree expert.

How to respond to the consultation

1. Take a look at <u>our responses</u> to the consultation principles and questions. You can draw on any of The Tree Council responses. If you reference our response, please mention The Tree Council.
2. <u>Respond to the consultation directly</u> on the government's website.
3. <u>Write to your MP</u>, sharing a copy of your consultation response and asking them to tell George Eustice MP, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, to oversee a strong strategy. You'll receive a copy of your response by email after you have submitted it online.
4. Share the consultation with your networks (social channels, friends & family) and ask them to submit a response themselves.

Remember - this is your opportunity to ensure a healthy, thriving tree-filled future.

Thank you so much for taking action for trees

Team Tree Council

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