

## **Appendix: Process for adding additional trees to Sheffield's street tree stock**

Sheffield is rightly proud of its stock of around 36,000 street trees. The current Streets Ahead contract ensures that, for every tree that felled or removed, it is replaced with a young tree, on a one for one basis.

However, as the main part of this strategy document demonstrates, there are large ecosystem benefits and other benefits that every street tree brings, and given the context of climate change, we need to be increasing our street tree stock, where it is possible to do so.

We have therefore introduced a process to allow individual residents, community groups, and other interested stakeholders to pay for additional street trees to be planted, in places where it is safe to do so.

There will be two prices. One price (£xxxx) to cover the cost of planting a new tree in an existing empty tree pit. Another price (£xxxx) to cover the cost of creating a tree pit where none has existed before.

Individuals and groups wanting to plant additional trees should fill in the below web form, with as many details as possible. We will respond within xxx days and begin the process of working with the contact, to try to fulfil the requested planting, or to suggest as close an alternative as possible, should the original request be impossible to fulfil.

Web Form will include:

- Name
- Phone Number
- Email Address
- Details of location of aimed for planting
- Is it an existing empty tree pit, an empty tree pit that has been tarmacked over, or brand new tree pit required
- Who will be paying? An individual resident, a community group or other.
- Preference for tree species to be planted (from a list)

Caveat – Those paying for additional trees will not own the tree, Sheffield Council will. Whilst Sheffield Council will care for the tree and maintain it for as long as it is safe to do so, some trees will sadly have to be felled, for a variety of different reasons, every year. Those paying for the tree will not be entitled to compensation, even if the tree is felled/removed very quickly after planting. Sheffield Council will however always publish clear and transparent reasons for felling trees, and will work closely with organisations to ensure felling truly is a last resort.