

## Appendix 5 - The Right Tree In the Right Place Framework

- Landscape Impact**
- Consider the existing use of the space and question whether the presence of trees would be a positive addition.
  - Identify the landscape type and what constraints this will place on the selection of species.
  - Examine existing habitats so as to assess their compatibility with additional trees and woodlands and therefore the latter's ability to add value.
  - Establish the history of tree cover to determine whether new additions would be appropriate.
- Site Constraint**
- Maintain local distinctiveness.
  - Assess the impact of planting on vistas.
  - Consider the presence of underground and overhead services.
  - Meet the statutory safety requirements of access for pedestrians and vehicles.
  - Assess impact on the nearest buildings to be sure that future potential problems can be minimised, particularly subsidence.
  - Prioritise sites in relation to where greatest public benefit can be realised.
- Species Consideration**
- Select species known to thrive on the soil type, its compaction, nutrients and available water.
  - Consider space available relative to size of tree at maturity unless the tree is destined for controlled management such as coppicing or pollarding.
  - Select the largest growing species the site will reasonably accommodate.
  - Consider use of natural regeneration where appropriate.
  - Where possible use native species.
  - Maintain diversity within the tree population planting no more than 10% of any species, 20% of any genus and 30% of any plant family.
  - Consider the species' tolerance to disease and wind damage.
  - Consider the use of fruit tree planting as a productive and attractive feature.
  - Consider potential nuisance of fruit fall in the autumn, slippery paths and associated requests for service to deal with problems.

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