**Linlithgow Street Trees - Public Consultation**

**Questionnaire January / February 2021**

As previously reported a grant of £53,300 from the Scottish Government’s Town Centre Fund was awarded to Linlithgow Burgh Trust for more trees in the High Street. The project is overseen by a committee of Linlithgow Burgh Trust but is managed by West Lothian Council which, in November 2020, appointed DWA Landscape Architects as consultants. Public comment is now being sought regarding locations and species for the trees.

DWA Landscape Architects have summarised the project’s objectives as follows:

*“The intention of the project is to further improve the character of the town centre and to promote a green way of living for the townspeople of Linlithgow whilst also helping to encourage a sustainable townscape. The introduction of further trees within the street will help to reduce CO2 levels in the town centre, reduce the effects of heat retention, encourage bird and wildlife and generally create a more pleasant atmosphere within the town for social congregation and interaction.”*

**We would now like your views regarding the locations and species.**

Public response will help determine their final numbers and locations, taking into account how far the funds will stretch for the necessary construction of tree pits and size of trees to be purchased. In order that an attractive degree of consistency can be achieved, the tree species cover a small range and are mainly of the slender fastigiate variety.

Three broad categories for the planting of new trees have been identified. These include:

- Type A - 8 new trees into areas of soft landscape

- Type B - 7 new trees into renovated existing disused tree pits

- Type C - 12 new trees into newly formed tree pits at various locations

Seven landscape strategy drawings, running from West Port to Low Port, set out draft proposals for opportune locations for the 27 trees. The final sheet shows potential species with descriptions of their structure, maximum height and specific features. Please indicate support for (YES) or opposition to (NO) the proposal with further comments in the space allowed. If preferred please use a separate sheet with reasons for your comments

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| **PART 1 My support for the Street Tree Project:** |
| Please circle the box which most accords with your views: |
| I fully support the aims and opportunities as shown in drawings/sheets and text | **YES** | **Go to PART 3** |
| I support the project with reservations | **Reservations** | **Continue & expand** |
| I DO NOT support the project | **NO** | **Continue & expand or go to PART 3** |
| **PART 2 Based on Sheets / Drawings and Descriptions of Trees** |
| **Sheet 1 Overview from West Port to Low Port** |
| **Sheet 2 West Port** | **Circle your response** |
| **Tree No.** | **Type of Pit A, B, C** | **Species** | **YES** | **NO** | **Indifferent** |
| 1 | B refurbished pit | Fastigiate Birch | **YES** | **NO** | **Indifferent** |
| 2 | A soft landscape | Multi-stemmed Birch | **YES** | **NO** | **Indifferent** |
| 3 & 4 | B refurbished pit | Fastigiate Lime | **YES** | **NO** | **Indifferent** |

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| **Sheet 3 Health Centre** |
| 5, 6 & 7 | A soft landscape | Rowan  | **YES** | **NO** | **Indifferent** |
| 8 | A soft landscape | Ornamental Rowan | **YES** | **NO** | **Indifferent** |
| **Sheets 4 and 5 East of Black Bitch Sculpture and west of Vennel bed** |
| 9 & 10 | C new tree pits | Whitebeam  | **YES** | **NO** | **Indifferent** |
| 11 & 12 | B refurbished pits | Whitebeam  | **YES** | **NO** | **Indifferent** |
| **Sheets 6 and 7 Partnership Building, The Cross and south side of High Street** |
| 13 & 14 | C new tree pits | Fastigiate Lime | **YES** | **NO** | **Indifferent** |
| 15 | B refurbished pit | Fastigiate Hornbeam | **YES** | **NO** | **Indifferent** |
| 16 - 21 | C new tree pits | Fastigiate Hornbeam | **YES** | **NO** | **Indifferent** |
| **Sheet 8 Star & Garter Hotel and Regent Centre** |
| 22 & 23 | C new tree pits | Fastigiate Hornbeam | **YES** | **NO** | **Indifferent** |
| 24 & 25  | A soft landscape | Rowan | **YES** | **NO** | **Indifferent** |
| 26 | B refurbished pit | Species to be confirmed | **YES** | **NO** | **Indifferent** |
| 27 | A soft landscape | Rowan | **YES** | **NO** | **Indifferent** |
| **PART 3 Your Views, positive and negative are appreciated and will be taken into account** |
| **Please use another sheet if necessary** |
| **PART 4 About you** |
| Please circle your age group | Under 17 | 17-20 | 21-35 | 36-55 | 56-65 | 66+ |
| Do you live near to any of the sites |  NO | YES | Which site? |
| Do you live elsewhere in Linlithgow | YES | NO | Where? |
| **If interested in joining Linlithgow Burgh Trust or volunteering with Burgh Beautiful please go to lby.scot/burgh-beautiful** |

**FINALLY**

**Completed Questionnaires can be submitted online as per the guidelines stated on the website or sent to Averil Stewart, Group Leader, Linlithgow Street Trees, 29 Highfield Crescent, Linlithgow EH49 7BG by 14 February 2021.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRE**

Averil Stewart

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