

Appendix A

Full breakdown of the aims and goals of the Tree Planting Strategy

Increase tree canopy cover

Objective	Measure	Action	Start Date	Finish date	Comment
Prioritise tree planting in locations where the greatest gains can be made	Canopy cover survey	Incorporate in New tree planting survey	2020-2021	2024-2025	Tree planting focussed on streets with low canopy cover: 1632 new trees were planted as part of the programme
Replace all trees removed through programme maintenance unless the location is unsuitable	Canopy cover survey	Incorporate in Replacement programme	2020-2021	2024-2025	1339 trees replaced as part of the programme
'Greening as we go': Highways schemes and external funding	Canopy cover survey	Liaise with relevant officers	2020-2021	2024-2025	313 trees planted as part of the programme. This has been a mix of internal and external funding. Clear Channel- Transport Strategy - Bike hire and dockless bike - HS2 and CDA
Liaise with schools to avoid loss of trees and propose new tree planting	Canopy cover survey	Liaise with schools to get trees planted	2020-2021	2024-2025	3 trees planted as part of the programme. It has been difficult to engage with the schools mainly due to a lack of space for trees on the school grounds.
Encourage residents to plant in their own back gardens or in public spaces.	Canopy cover survey	Create a website page for the public, or redirect the public to TCV	2020-2021	2024-2025	This is mainly linked to the Camden Forest partnership and to the new Council webpages with our best 5 trees to plant in back gardens. More details on the website

					pages can be found below in the Increase diversity section.
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Increase diversity

Objective	Measure	Action	Start Date	Finish date	Comment
Measure species, size and age, distribution and dominance diversity at a ward level to help guide species selection	Measure species diversity	Repeat measurement every 5 years	Apr-2021	May-2024	A number of new species introduced during the programme start to have an impact on the tree population. These introduced species are resilient to Climate change. Itree Inventory study carried out in May 2023 reports changes in species diversity from previous reports, especially the reduction in the reliance on Platanus species: from 13.3 % to 12.3%
Base species selection on the principle of “the right tree for the right site”	Measure species diversity	Incorporate the principle in species selection	2020-2021	2024-2025	Included in all planting seasons.
Increase species distribution by planting species that make up less than 10% of Camden’s tree population.	Measure species diversity	Incorporate the principle in species selection	2020-2021	2024-2025	Included in all planting seasons.
Liaise with other council departments to advise on the best species to plant when not directly planted by the	Measure species diversity	Liaise with other departments to provide species selection feedback	2020-2021	2024-2025	Involvement in different projects during the course of the strategy, including CIP development schemes at Agar Grove Estate, Ossoulton Estate,

Tree team, especially for private development					Chester Road Hostel, Phoenix Road.
Create a list of species to put on the website with advice on which species is preferred based on species distribution, size and location. To aid species selection by residents, business and developments.	Measure species diversity	Publish page on Council Website	2020-2021	2024-2025	A document with the details of 5 species suitable for planting in back gardens has been created and is waiting to be published on our web page. The document is to be periodically revised.

Maximise benefits

Objective	Measure	Action	Start Date	Finish date	Comment
Use pollution maps to help prioritise new tree surveys in the priority wards.	Canopy cover survey carried out every 5 years by ward	Use King's college and London Air quality network map	Apr-2021	May-2024	Canopy cover not carried out every 5 years due to lack of resources. It was carried out in 2024 as part of an opportunity planting study and found to have increased to 24.6%.
Prioritise species known to improve air quality in areas with high pollution, while still trying to increase the	Canopy cover survey carried out every 5 years by ward	Use a species guide, such as the Tree Design Action Group species selection to allocate species	Apr-2021	May-2024	

species diversity					
Indicate in the species list if the species is known to improve air quality (see species diversity)	Measure species distribution	Use a species guide, such as the Tree Design Action Group species selection to allocate species	Apr-2021	May-2024	The Itree inventory report provides information on the effect of tree pollution removal. Species known to reduce air quality are limited.
Select planting sites and species to help avoid pollutants being trapped at street level.	Measure species distribution	Use a species guide, such as the Tree Design Action Group species selection to allocate species	Apr-2021	May-2024	The London air quality map contributes to site selection, and the Tree Design Action Group guidance helps select trees that improve air quality.
Select planting sites and species to reduce the risk of damage to infrastructure and property.	Measure species distribution	Use a species guide, such as the Tree Design Action Group species selection to allocate species	Apr-2021	May-2024	In areas of the borough at risk of subsidence, trees with low water demand are chosen. Species diversity measured through itree inventory report.
Biodiversity will be a consideration when selecting species	Measure species distribution	Use a species guide, such as the Tree Design Action Group species selection to allocate species	Apr-2021	May-2024	Tree species that support wildlife are used where appropriate. Species diversity measured through the itree inventory report.
The allergenic nature of the tree will be a consideration when selecting species	Measure species distribution	Use a species guide, such as the Tree Design Action Group	Apr-2021	May-2024	Planting trees with a high allergenic potential is avoided by schools and hospitals. Species diversity is

		species selection to allocate species			measured through the itree inventory report.
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Better Recording

Objective	Measure	Action	Start Date	End date	Comment
Include recording of the trees planted by conservation groups	Collect data and publish website page	Request data from Conservation groups and publish on the Council's website	Apr-2021	Apr-2025	3,040 whips planted during the strategy by TCV and Camden Forest across the borough. Plus 160 trees planted by Camden Forest
Include recording of trees planted through other council projects	Collect data and publish website page	Request data from the project officer for third party planting in the borough and publish on Council website	Apr-2021	Apr-2025	89 trees planted as part of projects officer green space.
Include recording of trees planted by Royal Parks, TFL, City of London and community groups in Camden	Collect data and publish website page	Request data from Third party organisation and publish on Council Website	Apr-2021	Apr-2025	70 planted by third party organisation in the borough
Explore opportunities to record trees planted by internal and external developments	Collect data and publish website page	Request data from internal and external developers and publish on Council website	Apr-2021	Apr-2025	114 trees planted as part of CIP

Better Aftercare

Objective	Measure	Action	Start Date	End date	Comment
Monitor 100% of the trees planted by the council's contractors	Survival record for the programme	Monitoring of all the trees after planting	Apr-2021	Apr-2025	All trees have been monitored after the planting.
All trees to receive three years of aftercare	Survival record for the programme	To record tree survival for the programme	Apr-2021	Oct-2025	Total of trees planted from 2021-22 to 2024-25 is 2971, with 2665 still alive - a success rate of around 90%
Introduce biodegradable hessian ties to remove plastic and rubber ties	Survival record for the programme	Introduce hessian ties to remove plastic from planting the specification	Apr-2021	Apr-2025	These have been included in the planting specification and are standard in all new contracts. We are using this to influence the standard of tree planting in other internal projects.
Introduce watering bag for all trees planted that remain on the tree for three years before being collected and reused	Survival record for the programme	Introduce watering bags to remove plastic tubes from the planting specification and improve watering.	Apr-2021	Apr-2025	
Encourage residents to help water new trees	Survival record for the programme	Communicate to the public via Council social media and website	Apr-2021	Apr-2025	Communication campaign via Council Social media and newsletters. A tutorial on how to use the watering bags is available on the Council website.
In parks, liaise with static gardeners to water the trees	Survival record for the programme	Liaise with Ground maintenance officers.	Apr-2021	Apr-2025	Communication via Grounds Maintenance operatives carried out seasonally.
Guidance provided on planting flowers in tree pits.	Provide information to the public	Add information on Council website	Apr-2021	Apr-2024	Guidance is available on the Council website.

Biosecurity

Objective	Measure	Action	Start Date	End date	Comment
Source trees from UK based nurseries. Select species that are grown in the UK or imported species that have followed the most recent biosecurity procedure.	Source UK grown trees or trees that respect the most recent biosecurity measure	Check with nurseries the source of their tree stock and biosecurity policies	Apr-2021	Apr-2025	Yearly visit to tree nurseries to discuss biosecurity issues.
Continual professional development of Tree Officers to recognise current and potential pests and diseases.	Up to date training on pest and disease	Continue personal training	Apr-2021	Apr-2025	Tree officer access to training via London Tree Officer Association
Sharing information with other public land managers on new pests and diseases found in the borough.	Share information with other landowners	Share information with other landowners	Apr-2021	Apr-2025	No new pest and disease identified.

Private Land

Objective	Measure	Action	Start Date	End date	Comment
Share information on Camden's urban forest through the councils	Canopy cover survey carried out every	Publishing data on the Council Website	Apr-2024	-	Five tree species suitable for planting in back gardens have been chosen and are waiting to be published on our webpages.

website and provide guidance on species selection.	5 years by ward				These species will be periodically reviewed and updated.
Work with Camden Forest 2025 to promote tree planting in people's gardens.	Request data on the number of trees planted annually.	To liaise with Camden Forest on tree planting in estates	Apr-21	Apr-25	See better recording for detailed statistics. Throughout the strategy, we have been involved with Camden Forest planting, helping to locate suitable planting locations and providing advice on species selection.

Community Involvement

Objective	Measure	Action	Start Date	End date	Comment
Offer community tree planting provided by the Camden Green Gym for residents who wish to volunteer.	Request data for number of trees planted per annum	Requested data from TCV	Apr-2021	Apr-2025	3,040 whips planted during the strategy by TCV and Camden Forest across the borough. Community tree have also provided opportunity for community to plant in housing estate.