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Dear Cllr Anderson,

### **Tree Management Policy**

We are writing to request that your Scrutiny Board undertakes a review of the Council's Tree Management Policy.

We understand that the policy was last updated five years ago in 2016. The approach to trees has changed significantly since then, and the Council is planning further mass tree planting initiatives that will have implications for tree management in the future.

Meanwhile, residents across the city are increasingly becoming concerned at a perceived lack of regular tree maintenance and the impact this is having on their daily lives. Our fear is that if this is not addressed the public mood will turn against tree planting and in favour of tree removal, something which we would want to avoid.

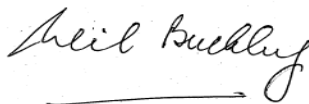
In our view, regular and effective tree maintenance is essential, and if people are to support plans for future tree planting, they must have confidence that the Council can manage the trees it already has.

We would ask that the Scrutiny Board (Environment, Housing and Communities) undertakes work to establish the Council's current approach to tree maintenance and what steps are needed to update it and make it fit for purpose.

Yours sincerely,



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