

## Council Land Tree Planting Programme Huntsmoor Park Wood

28<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Ward Member Briefing

Climate Response Team



## The Bucks Tree Mission





- The Council set out to plant 543,000 trees within 10 years as part of our Climate Change & Air Quality Strategy
- We have planted 192,000 trees over the first three years of the Programme
- The Programme recently went to the Transport, Environment & Climate Change Select Committee with an update (Agenda item 6)
- The 2024/25 planting season includes creating a new woodland at a number of sites across the county
- This site falls within the Iver ward
- This briefing is for the ward members for Iver

Locator map for new woodland at Huntsmoor Park, Iver



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## Huntsmoor Park Wood: Key Features



- The site is located on alongside the B470/Iver Lane opposite Huntsmoor Park, beyond the M25
- Small site (1 ha) but will provide a useful habitat/buffer near to busy transport corridors and have a positive impact on air quality and noise reduction
- Some **2,175 stems planted across 1ha**, with species selected to reflect those in the surrounding area (oak, silver birch, field maple, hazel) and also heritage fruit varietals, such as Cassia cherry, Buckinghamshire sheep's nose apple, Arthur Turner apple and Hazel pear (subject to availability)
- The site will be **protected** by deer fencing while the trees establish, with specialist woodland contractors delivering an ongoing **programme of maintenance**
- Position as a **community asset**, with public access and recreational facilities (bench/glade/internal footpath) incorporated into the design. A community tree planting day will be hosted when the site comes to be planted
- Originally investigated planting on parcel between St Peters church graveyard and Colne Brook, but site considered unsuitable by Forestry Commission (utilities on site, flood risk and suggestion of historical interest). Small site directly adjacent to proposed planting site also under consideration but hindered by utilities constraints.

Woodland
Creation Design
Plan created for
the new
woodland at Isle
of Wight



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