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**Q1 Project name**

Brunswick Park Woodland Management

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**Q6 Lead organisation**

Brunswick Park Friends Group

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**Q7 Brief description of project (what work will be involved?)**

Brunswick is a green flag park in northern Sandwell. By and large, the park is very well maintained but in the centre of the Park is a large block of non-native woodland that has fallen out of management. This block is made up of large poplar and ash tree. The former have started to collapse (age related) and now some of the ash have succumbed to die back. Then understorey is choked with invasive species. The Local Authority (Sandwell) have approached the Friends to consult on the removal of a large number of these trees (safety) but has no funds to replant and/or improve this area. What is proposed is to take the current tree survey and update it to form an iTree survey to calculate the ecosystem benefits of all of the trees in the park and project which species would best benefit the area - it is heavily affected by air quality issues due to the feeder to the M6. The friends feel it essential that the benefits of the trees are recorded and not lost for the next generation.

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### Q8 Location of project

Brunswick Park, Wednesbury

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### Q9 Area covered (hectare)

A little over 8Ha of parkland and specifically 1Ha of neglected woodland which is under threat

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### Q10 Aim and expected outcomes of project (what will the difference be?)

An improved native species mix offering both demonstrable improvements in air quality, storm water interception and hugely improved wildlife potential by providing species more suited for sustaining wildlife..

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### Q11 Funding required/total cost

L2. At this point exact costs have not been calculated as the work may need phasing to limit disruption and the numbers of trees and shrubs required are to be assessed if we get some interested from this funding

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### Q12 Delivery partners (who else will the project be working with?)

Sandwell Council, The Friends of Wood Green Cemetery, and local schools.

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### Q13 Project brief/proposal

Within the woodland bank: to phase remove the dangerous and non-native trees and replant with predominantly native fruit and berry bearing species

To survey all the trees in the park and calculate the ecosystem benefits using internationally recognised methods and engaging primary and secondary pupils as part of the geography, maths and english national curriculum markers.

The project is match funded by the council who have agreed to fund all the tree removals and provided the horticultural sundries and some labour for the replanting etc.

Following the commencement of the work a tree trail will be formulated and advertised via the friends FB page and the council's website that promotes the benefits of trees and encourages visitors.

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### Q14 Volunteer requirement

Volunteer time is roughly estimated at 20 adults for two weeks for the next five years plus the engagement of KS1/2/3 students as part of establishment. There will be an ongoing maintenance requirement and growth measurement projects are proposed.

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