

Petitioner:	Magdalena Jarzabek
Petition:	Tree planting for Commerell Street
Number of signatures:	22
The petition read as follows:	We, the residents of numbers 41 through 15 Commerell Street, Greenwich, London SE10 are petitioning for trees to be planted on our street

Cabinet Member:	Air Quality, Sustainability and Transport
Ward(s):	Peninsula
Directorate:	DRES

Submitted to Council on:	26 June 2019
Presented by:	Councillor Chris Lloyd

I. **Petition Response**

- I.1. Currently there are no street trees planted in the Commerell Street, a situation shared with the majority of the streets in this part of the Ward.
- I.2. An initial assessment of Commerell Street has been completed. Unfortunately, it appears there is only limited scope to plant trees due to the presence of underground services that run close to the kerb line beneath the pavement. However, in terms of space there does appear to be adequate space for street trees in some sections of the street, although in parts the width of the pavement and proximity to buildings would prevent this.
- I.3. Site investigations to determine whether or not the location of underground services would preclude tree planting will need to be conducted. The Council's records indicate that the subsoils present in the road fall mainly within the flood plain formation and that there is a very low risk of tree related subsidence.
- I.4. The planting of street trees in the road would have a positive impact on improving amenity and the general streetscape as well as environmental improvements. Street tree planting contributes to improved air quality.

2. Current actions being taken in relation to matter raised in petition

- 2.1. The Council will undertake further assessments and a more detailed study to determine if street tree planting sites could be located within Commerell Street.
- 2.2. Subject to satisfactory results from the site investigations a tree planting proposal will be developed. The proposal will be formally shared with residents of Commerell Street (all letter boxes in the street) in the form of a consultation.
- 2.3. Based on the outcome of the consultation a decision will then be taken whether to progress with the scheme; progress with the scheme with minor amendments taking account of comments made (if received); or not to progress due to 50% or more of the consultation responses objecting.
- 2.4. Due to the time of year planting would be undertaken during the 2019-20 tree planting programme. This will run from November 2019 to February 2020.