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Dear Madam,

Tree Strategy Consultation.

The Association is very aware of the benefits of trees to the Borough has planted several commemorative trees over many years. The Association has reviewed the document and taken sounding of our members and the overall consideration is very supportive of the positive nature of the draft strategy. We have a few comments which are set out below.

1. Bearing the positive proposals to augment and enhance the tree stock in the body of the document we feel the Vision on clause 1.1, Page 5 should read **“To protect, improve, sustain and augment the tree population for the benefit and enjoyment of current and future generations.”**
2. In Map 6.1 page 90 We consider that the groupings of trees on the banks of the Pinn in the green belt adjacent to the Harrow Arts Centre including the orchard at the Uxbridge road should be added as an area of woodland to maintain the rural aspect of the Pinn. We would like a tree count added to Clause 4, Table 4.1
3. In Clause 5.3 Page 14 the annual requirement for removal of basal growth causing obstruction to footpaths and visibility at road junctions is not clearly set out. While accepting that this may be covered by Reactive Maintenance or Safety Requirement we consider the annual nature of this work should not need reporting to the council.
4. In Clause 10 Monitoring page 21 It would be advantageous for the following to be established each year.
 - a. The overall increase in the tree population to record the progress made
 - b. Number of vacant tree pits [targeting zero].

We trust our comments are helpful and congratulate the officers on a well presented useful document.

Yours sincerely

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