

## Connecting Londoners with Trees and Woodlands

A leaflet about the Tree and Woodland Framework for London



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## introduction

This leaflet is about the London Tree and Woodland Framework. The leaflet can only give an introduction; if you want to see the full text of the Framework you can find it on the Greater London Authority's website at:

[www.london.gov.uk](http://www.london.gov.uk).

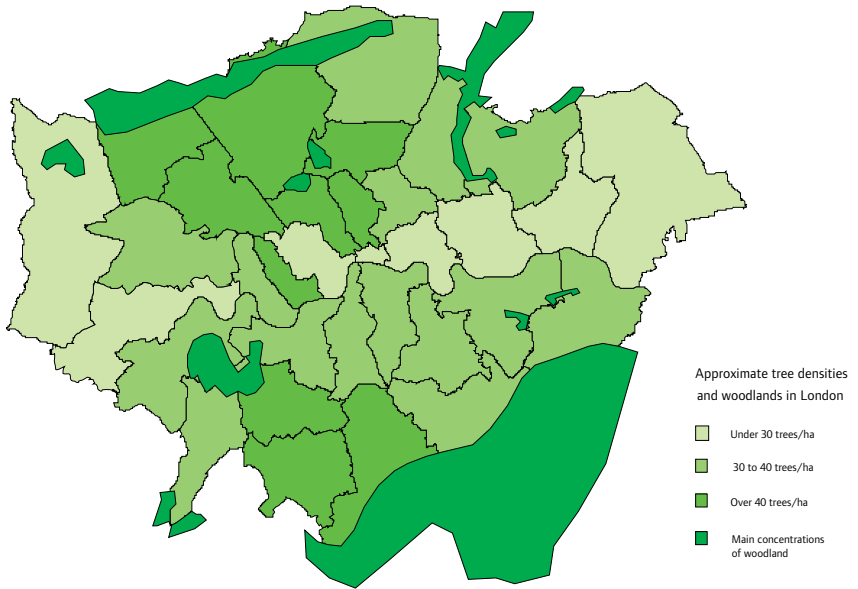
## why have a Tree and Woodland Framework?

Trees and woodlands are an essential part of London's character and identity. They help to breathe life into the capital, providing a welcome respite from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. They tell us of the seasons, and bring us into contact with nature. They remind us that where London now stands, a vast and ancient forest once existed. They provide shade on hot days, help to relieve us from stress and help clean our polluted air. Trees and woodlands are good for Londoners, good for visitors to London, and good for business in London. The London Tree and Woodland Framework shows us why, and tells us what we should do to maximise their contribution to London's quality of life.



## headline facts and figures

- There are around seven million trees in Greater London.
- A quarter of these trees are in woodlands.
- Woodlands occupy eight percent of London's land area.
- An estimated 20% of London's land area is under the canopy of individual trees.



### **what are the issues that need to be addressed?**

The management of many of London’s woodlands has deteriorated through a lack of funding. This compromises their value and their contribution to safe and accessible natural places. London’s park trees have also often suffered as a result of poor funding and require better management to ensure their long-term survival. Street and garden trees are important elements in London’s character but are under increasing pressure for removal from competing uses and management difficulties. A number of landmark trees also make a significant contribution to London’s character and these require protection and management to ensure their survival.

Overall, a lack of management and knowledge about the resource as well as competition from other land uses are the threats which need to be addressed as priorities.





## what does the Framework seek to achieve?

The overall goal of the Framework is to provide a strategic approach to trees and woodlands that delivers the Mayor's vision for London and the relevant Mayoral Strategies within the context of the England Forestry Strategy. In doing so, the Framework seeks to ensure that:

- The existing stock of trees and woodlands is managed and maintained to safeguard its value to London both now and in the future.
- There is an increased awareness of the value of trees and woodlands to the health and well being of all Londoners
- The contribution of trees and woodlands to London's sustainability and quality of life is maximised.
- Natural regeneration and new planting in appropriate locations is encouraged to further enhance the contribution of trees and woodlands to London life.

London's growing population and thriving economy mean that there are many pressures on trees and woodlands. But we must not sacrifice their value. The Framework provides guidance on the right place for the right tree, to help ensure that London remains green in the face of these pressures. Amongst the detailed policy and advice in the Framework are many case studies to inspire further action.





## the main objectives of the Tree and Woodland Framework

### **Aim A: to ensure trees and woodlands contribute to a high quality natural environment**

#### **Objective A1**

Safeguard, and improve the management of, London's existing tree and woodland resource, particularly its ancient woodlands and veteran trees

#### **Objective A2**

Enhance our knowledge and understanding of London's existing tree and woodland resource

#### **Objective A3**

Plan for the impacts of climate change in managing and increasing London's tree and woodland resource

#### **Objective A4**

Investigate new tree and woodland planting opportunities in appropriate places



### **Aim B: to help shape the built environment and new development**

#### **Objective B1**

Raise awareness and understanding of the role that trees and woodlands play in London's townscapes, and defining 'sense of place'

#### **Objective B2**

Ensure the needs and impacts of trees and woodlands are properly addressed in an ever more compact city, especially with respect to subsidence

#### **Objective B3**

Promote the important contribution of trees and woodlands to London's sustainable development and regeneration





**Aim C: through people's contact with trees and woodland to help foster community and individual people's well-being and social inclusion**

**Objective C1**

Enable Londoners to take greater ownership of their local trees and woodlands, including in deprived areas and more excluded communities and localities

**Objective C2**

Improve the accessibility of London's woodlands for all

**Objective C3**

Raise awareness and understanding of London's tree and woodland resource

**Objective C4**

Promote the benefits of trees and woodlands to Londoners' physical and spiritual health and wellbeing



**Aim D: to support the capital's economy**

**Objective D1**

Source the financial resources needed to realise the full range of benefits of London's trees and woodlands

**Objective D2**

Ensure the human resources needed to realise the full range of benefits of London's trees and woodlands are sufficient and appropriately trained

**Objective D3**

Recognise and promote the contribution of trees and woodlands in providing attractive environments for business, leisure and tourism

**Objective D4**

Support the use of local tree and woodland products as part of sustainable management of the resource





## how will it happen?

In the full Framework there are a series of actions attached to each of the objectives to ensure they are achieved. These actions will guide and direct resources towards priorities identified by all those involved with trees and woodlands in London. Among these, it is hoped to produce guidance documents to aid the best possible practice in tree and woodland management and enhancement.

The actions are set out in the full London Tree and Woodland Framework which can be downloaded at: [www.london.gov.uk](http://www.london.gov.uk) or at a cost of £15 by calling **020 7983 4100**.

To find out more about how London's trees and woodlands are managed or how you can best contribute to this Framework please contact:

The Mayor's Biodiversity Team,  
Policy and Partnerships Directorate,  
City Hall,  
The Queen's Walk,  
London SE1 2AA

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### Bengali

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