

# LITTLE WOODHOUSE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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## **Response to Proposal to Plant two areas of Woodland on Woodhouse Moor**

Dear Ms Marsden

Your consultation document of 5<sup>th</sup> October to the Friends of Woodhouse Moor - Subject: Woodland Creation Initiative - Woodhouse Moor, was forwarded by that organisation to the Little Woodhouse Community Association (LWCA) so we could be involved in this consultation as well. The LWCA area abuts Woodhouse Moor along Moorland Road so we very much regard ourselves as stakeholders as far as the Moor is concerned.

I circulated your document to our organisation and received between 8-10 responses which I summarise below. Please note I have also had sight of the very detailed submission by Chris Webb from NHPNA and we very much agree with the thrust of his proposals.

The idea of planting more trees was very well received by all respondents - 'you can never have too many trees' was one response and another 'tree planting is a legacy for future generations'. The proposal for two middle-size areas of woodland on Woodhouse Moor was not well-received however as residents felt that the open nature of Woodhouse Moor should be preserved given that it is the most well-used and most visited park in the city of Leeds. There were suggestions for some limited planting on Woodhouse Moor; replacing the 'missing' trees in some of the avenues (although 'whips' might not be suitable?), some planting around the water reservoir, more trees in the central crossroads area (where there is already some tree and shrub planting) and in the fenced area near the Duke of Wellington's statue.

Instead the majority of respondents favoured tree planting the other side of Woodhouse Lane, on the Cinder Moor and Monument Moor. We are aware that the Cinder Moor generates a revenue stream for the Council via parking and events, but the edges of this area of the Moor could readily be planted as could areas of Monument Moor. In fact woodland planting on these two areas

(Monument Moor and Cinder Moor) would greatly enhance these areas as they appear somewhat bleak and windswept compared to Woodhouse Moor with its undulating surface and impressive avenues of trees.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to get involved in this consultation and I trust our views will be given due weight. Everyone loves trees, but they've got to be in the right place, and if they're not, they are around for a very long time.

Deryck Piper  
Chair LWCA

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