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Dear Pete,

The Gloucestershire Local Nature Partnership (GLNP) exists to put nature at the heart of decision-making for the benefit of the people, economy and wildlife of Gloucestershire. The County Council is a lead partner in the Partnership. The Nature Recovery working group of the GLNP has drafted the Gloucestershire Tree Strategy, which sets out a vision for Gloucestershire with 20% tree cover.

Gloucestershire County Council's response to the Cabinet Motion as presented by Pete Wiggins (GCC Outcome Manager, Sustainability) to Matt Whitney (GLNP Manager) recognizes that the County Council is not necessarily best-placed to deliver large tree-growing aspirations alone, and that more can be done, better, when working in partnership with organisations who have the experience and expertise to upscale their existing efforts to increase woodland and tree numbers in the County. The approach laid out in Council response to the Cabinet Motion is best practice. If properly funded it has the potential to deliver the vision

A thriving network of sustainably managed trees and woodlands covering at least 20% of the county, delivering resilience and connectivity for people, wildlife and the economy...

...following the mantra of "the right tree in the right place for the right reason".

The Gloucestershire Local Nature Partnership wholeheartedly applauds and supports Gloucestershire County Council in this work and look forward to facilitating the partnership to work together to deliver this vision.

Yours sincerely,



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