

**Belfast One Million Trees Programme  
Site Assessment Process – June 2020**

**1. Site identification (responsibility of landowners)**

- Location
- Size of site
- Map/image/coordinates

**2. Initial walkabout (BCC/Conversation/landowner)**

- Assess suitability for planting and identify site characteristics that make it attractive for planting, for example:
- air quality zone,
- proximity to water feature,
- location in relation to the prevailing wind,
- impact on sightlines,
- proximity to buildings,
- proximity to existing woodland,
- is it visible and accessible,
- will it support wayfinding opportunities,
- is the area within a community,
- does it provide a link to the city centre,
- is it in the city centre,
- will it support flood alleviation,
- is it in close proximity to younger/older people,
- it is an area affected by poor mental health, deprivation,
- is it an area with low canopy cover...

**3. Site assessment (undertaken by agents, conversation organisations?)**

- Use existing habitat survey methodology – Belfast Hills/Woodland Trust/Others?
- Impact on local biodiversity
- Opportunity to increase and support local biodiversity
- Is the site suitable for woodland creation or enhancement, tree planting, creation of species rich grassland, wetland or wildflower meadow
- Does the site support temporary or long term use
- Could the site be used as a nursery
- Identify preferred options
- Estimate costs

**4. Review and produce planting plan (review group – membership to be determined)**

- Submit to landowner via BCC and agree next steps