

For climate-proof, nature friendly urban areas

Tiny Forest site criteria

1. **Need a site of approximately 200m² for the actual tiny forest, plus space for heavy machinery to do preparation work so total space possibly up to 500m². This area can be of any shape/orientation, but the forest must not be narrower than 4m across at any given point.**
2. **No underground infrastructure: soil needs to be excavated to 1m depth**
3. **No overhead infrastructure: trees will grow to 20m+**
4. **Need a site that is accessible for large machinery: mini digger needed for soil preparation, plus truck delivery of straw and other soil supplements**
5. Possible water access point: trees may need watering during first 2 years of maintenance, so either a water access point located nearby or access for a vehicle and water bowser to the site
6. Need a site that is not causing obstruction to people's right of way (the forest becomes very dense and impassable unless a specific pathway is incorporated into the design)
7. Need a site that is within an urban setting and that is easily accessible to users (employees or communities or the public)
8. Site should not be designated as sensitive in any way: SSSI, SAC, Ramsar etc.
9. Site should be an open area (we do not want to remove trees to plant new ones!), some scrub or low vegetation is fine, as are trees on the edge of the proposed site as these could potentially be incorporated into the design.
10. The forest should be as compact as possible and is not suitable for using as hedging.
11. Paths and an open classroom can be included into the design. The forest is fenced at least for the first 3 years with access through an open gate.

