

While the request for additional canopy cover is welcomed, I'd have concerns about the suitability of the roadside verges along Poplar Ave. The grassed sections are narrow and sit immediately alongside residential boundaries, driveways and the footway.

There are also visible underground utility and service channels serving the adjoining properties.

Planting a tree within such a constrained verge could create issues like:

- Root growth affecting the footway, kerbs and neighbouring boundaries.
- The size and spread of the tree causing issues to the properties in proximity.
- Visibility and pedestrian access.

My initial view is that the verge outside or close to number 29 is unlikely to be suitable for a new street tree.

It may be more appropriate to consider whether the less constrained area of public space leading to Acacia Grove, or the Venny would be better suited should the committee wish to consider the request..

Some photos below.

