

CLIFTON DRIVE - AREA ANALYSIS



The road shown leads to the most north point of Clifton Drive and to Blackpool Airport. Surrounding the street is green belt land consisting of sand dunes, which are essential for the area and provide advanced biodiversity. Due to the interference trees would have on the natural process of the shift of sand across the dunes, this area could be deemed unsuitable for street tree planting.



The image to the left is taken outside 475 Clifton Drive North and displays the change in visual appeal when street trees aren't present. The area is a prime example of where street tree planting could be implemented with guidance reports highlighting key aspects that the area boasts. The footpaths are wide, there are minimal signs or overhead elements, the pedestrian flow is low with much higher vehicle use and the built environment mainly consists of residential housing that is set back off the street. Planting of trees similarly to Clifton Drive South would make the area better utilised.



This area is the St. Annes junction and has the heaviest pedestrian flow. The area hosts a lot of commercial frontage and incorporates good green infrastructure to give the area a pedestrian friendly, healthy and aesthetic appeal. The street brings trees, shrubs, grass areas along with infrastructure such as benches into the urban mix. It is evident the impact that the GI has had as many locals and tourists are present and take advantage of the benches and greenery.



Clifton Drive South boasts a large corridor of street trees, showing a successful implementation and provides a base to expand upon to make a prosperous green corridor.



Denford Avenue connects to Clifton Drive and displays effective use of street trees along a residential street. The trees are spaced relatively far apart to ensure growth isn't restricted and that properties aren't affected through loss of sunlight.

The area around the hospital boasts good open space with rows of trees and shrub. There would be opportunity for further planting of trees along the street side here.

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