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Street trees set for Speke and Everton

Streets in Speke and Everton are set to receive a green makeover in the New Year with the planting of dozens of street trees.

In Speke, the trees will be planted on Damwood Road, Alderwood Avenue and Eastern Avenue. In Everton, trees will be planted on Mere Lane, Breckfield Road and Breck Road.

The streets are being greened as part of the Merseyside Green Streets project, which is being coordinated by The Mersey Forest and funded by the Local Sustainable Transport Fund.

Members of The Mersey Forest team have been knocking on doors and speaking to residents in Speke and Everton to keep them fully informed of the developments.

Ben Greenaway, Green Streets Coordinator at The Mersey Forest, said: "Community consultation is a key part of Green Streets. We've been giving people the opportunity to choose the species of the tree that will be planted outside or near their homes.

"These trees will provide a range of benefits to residents in Liverpool. Not only will they make the streets look more attractive and more pleasant to walk and cycle in, but they will also improve air quality and provide vital shade in summer."

Councillor Claire Glare, Mersey Forest steering group representative for Liverpool Council and councillor for Belle Vale, said: "This is a fantastic project which is bringing

together the community in Everton and Speke. I'm looking forward to seeing the trees in the ground."

The tree planting is funded by the Local Sustainable Transport Fund through Merseytravel and the Department of Transport.

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The Mersey Forest

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The Forest is one of the leading environmental regeneration initiatives in the North West. Through community and partnership working, we have planted 9 million trees - equivalent to five new trees for every person living within the Forest area.

The Forest helps our towns and cities adapt to climate change, creates woodlands that 20% of local people visit at least once a week, and by improving the image of our towns and cities sets the scene for growth within the region's £98 billion economy.

We achieve all of this and more through our partnership of local authorities, landowners, the Forestry Commission, Natural England, the Environment Agency and businesses.

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Local Sustainable Transport Fund

Merseyside's third Local Transport Plan (LTP) has a long term strategy to 2024 and a short term implementation plan to 2014/15 containing a delivery programme of transport investment and service improvements. Visit www.TransportMerseyside.org for more information.

Its vision for Merseyside's transport network is for a city region committed to a low carbon future, which has a transport network and mobility culture that positively contributes to a thriving economy and the health and wellbeing of its citizens and where sustainable travel is the option of choice.

The Merseyside Transport Partnership consists of Merseytravel and the five local authorities of Merseyside – Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St Helens, and Wirral. TravelWise Merseyside is Merseyside Transport Partnership's campaign to help people in Merseyside to make smarter travel choices – to walk, cycle and use public transport. www.LetsTravelWise.org