

Fresh hope for trees

A FIRM of tree specialists is to visit Stroud to investigate the possibility of saving many of the threatened trees in Stratford Park by digging them up and moving them.

A consultant from Civic Trees of Hertfordshire is due to meet "save the trees" protestors tomorrow to discuss the proposals on the eve of the Stroud District Council meeting to decide their fate.

It is understood the firm is able to move trees of up to three feet in diameter at a cost of around £12,000 per tree. The campaigners hope both the council and Tesco will see the scheme as worthwhile.

Trees campaigner Mrs. Veronica Wood of Amberley said: "It would be absolutely wonderful if some of the trees could be moved."



■ Flashback to the protest march over the threatened trees

And Coun. Martin Baxendale (Green Central), who was instrumental in inviting the tree specialist, added: "We are now just keeping our fingers crossed that they will be able to move the trees."

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