



## Utility Arboriculture Group

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### Utility Industry Consultation – August 2006

Dear Sir/Madam

I write to you on behalf of the Utility Arboriculture Group (UAG) that has been set up under the auspices of the Arboricultural Association. The group has Terms of Reference (see [www.trees.org.uk](http://www.trees.org.uk) type key word 'Utility') but ultimately it seeks to represent you and your views, and to this end I would ask for a few minutes of your time to complete the attached questionnaire.

Your thoughts do matter so we need to know exactly what they are; collectively we can make a difference and bring change to problem areas – competence re-certification, contract conditions, differing safety standards across electricity companies etc.

The UAG has already started a dialogue with key stakeholders – the ENA (Energy Networks Association) and the DTI (Department for Trade and Industry) and training and certification providers Lantra Awards and NPTC. Please help us to continue this good start.

The UAG 'Virtual Group' is the membership of the group and is served by the UAG Core Group. Minutes of Core Group meetings are circulated by e-mail to all Virtual Group members. Please indicate if you would like to sign up as a Virtual Group member by sending an e-mail to [halm@btsgroupuk.com](mailto:halm@btsgroupuk.com). In addition there are spaces on the Core Group – the process of election is documented in the Group's Terms of Reference.

I hope I can call on your support, if you have any questions on any topics please contact me at [paul@aus.co.uk](mailto:paul@aus.co.uk). In the meantime please complete the questionnaire following and fax back to the AA on 01794 368978 or email to [admin@trees.org.uk](mailto:admin@trees.org.uk).

Best Regards

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Chairman  
UAG





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What should the UAG be doing on your behalf? Please indicate the priority you feel the UAG should give to each principle (5 being the most important)

1. Safety Management.									
	1		2		3		4		5
<b>Comments:</b>									

2. Industry competence training & certification.									
	1		2		3		4		5
<b>Comments:</b>									

3. Client procurement strategy.									
	1		2		3		4		5
<b>Comments:</b>									

4. Contract type & term.									
	1		2		3		4		5
<b>Comments:</b>									

5. Human resource availability.									
	1		2		3		4		5
<b>Comments:</b>									

<b>I think the main focus of the UAG should be:</b>									

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