



Bothenhampton & Walditch

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By email

9th June 2020

Dear Dave

Sycamore Avenue, the Hyde, Walditch Road, Bridport DT6 4LB

We are writing to you to ask if you would help with this issue which has been going on for many years and remains unresolved.

Our Clerk has written many letters to Dorset Council in addition to numerous emails to Graham Cox. Here is a quick snapshot of the letters written, to whom and the dates:

-  Letter to A Hollingsworth - 18th February 2020
-  Letter to A Hollingsworth - 18th February 2020
-  Letter to C Lloyds - 3rd July 2019
-  Letter to C Lloyds - 15th October 2019
-  Letter to Cllr Bolwell - 9th June 2020
-  Letter to Hollingsworth - 18th October 2019
-  Letter to Hollingsworth - 18th October 2019
-  Letter to N Collins - 18th October 2019
-  Map of Avenue trees numbered plan

The issue relates to the trees along the northern side of Sycamore Avenue. We attach a map for your guidance. Trees numbered 9, 16, 17 and 19. Trees 16, 17 and 19 were blown over in the winter of 2013-14, and 9 fell across the road in March 2016. Tree 8 has been blown down and is now in the field. Many other trees in the area are either diseased or show signs of neglect, including 6 lime trees which are in a very poor state.

During our email exchange with Chris Lloyd in 2019 he promised to look at the gaps in trees and issue a Tree Replacement Notice to Mr Norman (the landowner). We have asked repeatedly for progress on this but fear that no such Notice has been issued.

With the current focus on environmental issues and climate change we believe it is in everyone's interest to get this work carried out as soon as possible. There is overwhelming evidence that trees are helping to remove harmful greenhouse gasses and there is no excuse for allowing Mr Norman to continue to prevaricate and not replace the trees which he is responsible for.

We understand that Mr Graham Cox is familiar with all the history and has been aware of the situation and was instrumental in the entire avenue being placed under a Preservation Order. You may want to have a word with him to get the latest progress report (if any).

We very much hope that you are able to assist us in this matter.

With kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A J Basker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

A J Basker
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Attached map of Sycamore Avenue