



Bothenhampton & Walditch

Parish Council since 1886

Mr G Cox
Dorset Council Tree Team
Countryside Management

Via Email

26th September 2022

Dear Mr Cox

**TREE ISSUES IN WALDITCH, WEST DORSET - DT6 4LB
DORSET EXPLORER osgp 4000000025927299**

I am sorry we were not able to talk much at the meeting in Dorset on 6th September, when you said you would raise the Sycamore Avenue problem with our Tree Officer James Bennett.

At our Parish Council meeting on 12th September residents raised three issues which particularly worry them:

1: TPO/2021/0064

The tree at the bottom of G3 was cut down by Dorset Council in spring 2022 as it was overhanging the road in a dangerous way. A Notable beech tree in G3 lost significant branches in the same storm and needs delicate tree surgery to ensure it is safe and healthy. Nothing has been done to replace the bottom tree or to tend to the Notable tree.

2: TPO protected trees on the other side of the road

Replacement trees in the Sycamore Avenue planted in March 2006 have been poorly protected and need attention (ref. reports sent to you by Robin Stapleton from 2006 to 2011) in your capacity as Senior Tree and Woodlands Officer WDDC.

3: TPO protected trees on the other side of the road:

Numbers 9, 16, 17 and 19. Three of these were blown over between 2014 and one in 2016. These need to be replaced, as was admitted in writing by Chris Lloyd in 2020, but no action has been taken. As you know, the landowner is a robust gentleman in his seventies.

A long correspondence was sent you with full documentation in June 2019, October 2020 and November 2021 (with pictures) but apart from a visit by James Bennett in 2021 the matter remains unresolved. Surely there is now a strong case for enforcing the replacement of these trees?

The residents will expect your response at the next Parish Council meeting on 10th October.

Yours sincerely,

A J Basker

Chairman - Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council

clerk@bothenhamptonwalditchparishcouncil.com

Website www.bothenhamptonwalditchparishcouncil.com

Cc: DC Councillors