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To: Town Clerk <info@wem.gov.uk>

Subject: 3, 5 and 7 Barleyfields, Wem, SY4 5LU

Thursday 26th March, 2026

Good afternoon,

Who decided to plant trees in Barleyfields?

Presumably you are aware that the above three numbers are a private road and do not have the same facilities as other roads in Wem, therefore we are responsible for repairs etc. When these trees were sited there doesn't seem to have been any consideration as to damage the tree roots could do to our property; namely our drains and stop cocks, not to mention our road and properties that can be damaged by these roots. Why were we not consulted on the planting of the trees?

I am assuming that they were planted to deter any tinkers/travellers which we had on the green behind the hedge, that faces and is only a few yards from our front doors. A post/stanchion would have been a better solution. The tree can still be moved without damaging it and replaced by the former.

Fortunately the people concerned moved on quickly, because their children had to return to school, further north, Yorkshire, I believe.

I would appreciate an answer to this email quickly so that our problem can be resolved.

I am starting with the Town Council, but intend to take the matter further if no is satisfactory consideration is given to us.

Sincerely

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I would appreciate a quick reply

Response Sent from Town Clerk on 30.3.26

Thank you for your email and letter regarding the tree planting at Barleyfields.

The land in question is owned and managed by the Town Council and decisions about planting and maintenance are made as part of our role in managing public open spaces across the town for the benefit of both wildlife and the wider community. Due to the large number of open spaces we are responsible for and our limited staffing capacity, we are not able to consult on individual matters such as the planting of a single tree as in this case.

We understand your concerns about the potential impact on nearby properties and infrastructure. Please be assured that the species selection and positioning of the trees were carefully considered to minimise any risk, including to drains and surrounding surfaces.

We are aware that the tree closest to numbers 3, 5 and 7 has sustained some damage to its stake and tie. This will be monitored as part of our regular inspections and if it does not establish successfully or is further damaged, we will review the situation and take appropriate action, including replacement if necessary.

Thank you again for getting in touch. We have noted your comments and will keep them on record. Should any issues arise in the future that may be directly linked to the trees, these can of course be reviewed.

Best wishes

Penny O'Hagan

Town Clerk