



Bothenhampton & Walditch

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Mr Russell Goff & Mr N J Collins  
Senior Ranger / Countryside Officers  
Dorset Council

By email

2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Dear Mr Goff and Mr Collins

**RE: TREES IN THE PARISH**

In connection with the Bridport Area Tree Plan currently under discussion, Bothenhampton and Walditch Parish Council is considering a suggestion that we plant some trees on an area of three verges roughly between the two villages.

As a first step, and certainly before we take any decisions, we need to know who owns or is responsible for the verges in question. The verges are currently grassed, apart from one small tree on one of them.

We raised this with David Carey, of the Highways Department, earlier this week, in case Highways owned the land; and he suggested we contact you in the first instance.

The three verges are at the junction which Slades Green and Green Lane share just off Crock Lane. Two are either side of Slades Green/Green Lane, and the other is alongside Green Lane a little further up, on the right as you face Bothen Hill.

I attach some photos of the verges, plus two small maps showing their location.

We would need to seek the views of local residents of course about the plan, and also, subject to their views, consider what particular species would best suit the area.

It would be very helpful to know whether you own these three verges, and if so, what you think of the idea in principle of planting some trees there and any other advice you could give. If you do not own the verges, do you know who might?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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Chairman

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