

Dear LTC Councillors,

I don't want LTC councillors to think that I have lost interest in 195.7 on tonight's agenda - far from it.

I hope that things go well at tonight's meeting and that LTC is given the green light to reduce the size of the 2 trees, which have been the subject of much discussion over the last 18 months.

It was in October 2022 that I went to see John Pitts after banging my head against the brick wall that is ESC and WN since early 2021. The response from LTC has been the complete opposite end of the spectrum and that has been much appreciated. It really has.

I hope that LTC will not let *redacted* and Waveney Norse anywhere near the trees. *Redacted's* proposal, following his meeting with LTC members here last February, was to cut the trees by 1.5 and 2.5 metres for some £1500. I remember saying to LTC members at the meeting following his quote that it was "tantamount to taking the mickey out of the council" and would achieve "the square route of sweat nothing". My opinion has not changed.

I remember how inaccurate *redacted's* plan was and bore no relation to our deeds nor where our borders and the 2 trees actually are. He, despite being asked to ring before he visited the site, sent his plan on June 27 2022 after he had been, saying that "[I had intended to call you beforehand so we could meet on site, but time did not allow me to do so](#)". What a fatuous excuse that is and one I didn't buy one iota.

*Redacted* followed that up on July 6, after I asked him what ESC's response would be to a fatality by saying "[I am sure that if a branch breaks off and a passer-by is injured or a car damaged, East Suffolk Council would empathise with those impacted. As you have noted, this would seem relevant to the adjacent path or the road. As I have already said, these are on unregistered land, but may form part of the adopted highway i.e. be the responsibility of Suffolk County Council. I am sure ESC would have "empathised with those impacted". LTC would have reacted rather differently me thinks.](#)

What a crass comment that is and one that would have given the media much food for thought not to mention column inches. Nothing like passing the buck to SCC either, who told me in 2021-22 that "[it was nothing to do with them and not their problem](#)".

I gave LTC the details of 2 tree surgeons one of whom has done much work for RPGC and the other cut the tree opposite our entrance and made a more than decent job of it so hopefully one of those might fit the bill.

A happy New Year to all LTC P&OS Committee and once again thank you very much for all your support and help. It is much appreciated. It is now almost 3 years ago since we started this "crusade" so here's hoping it will soon succeed!