

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

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10 DECEMBER 2019

Questions from Members of the public received in accordance with Procedure Rule 10.

1. Question received from Mrs Thoreya Swage, of Farnham:

“What plans (and commitment) does the council have to double tree cover in the area?”

Response from the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sustainability:

“I fully endorse the sentiments of the campaign to double tree cover as part of a nationwide response to the Climate Emergency and Waverley is committed to tree planting within the Borough as part of our own response to the Climate Emergency and commitment to net zero carbon by 2030.

To ensure appropriate planting the Council is creating a tree planting policy for the Borough over the coming year, this will allow the identification and consideration of sites and species of trees. It is sensible that this works in line with our Climate Emergency Action Plan and Surrey County Council’s commitment to planting 1.2m trees. It would also be advisable before committing to planting figures that we have the facts on our actual carbon footprint. It is also worth noting that we are already a heavily wooded borough on average in England tree cover sits around 13% Waverley is already around 33%.”