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Hove Town Hall
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Dear Geoff;

I am submitting the following letter under Council Procedure Rule 23.3 to be included on the agenda for the 21st January meeting of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee

TREE PLANTING ON GLEBE VILLAS

We write this letter for inclusion on the agenda of the 17th March meeting of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee.

For the past year, we have been working closely with the Friends of Glebe Villas to bring forward a tree-planting scheme for the street.

A local historic quirk is that Glebe Villas is the only street of its type in the area that has no street trees. All surrounding streets are blessed with sizeable trees which are generally considered to be a highly attractive feature for numerous reasons.

We are backing the scheme in full recognition of the Council's declaration of a 'climate emergency' on the basis that planting trees is an obvious way to reduce net carbon emissions. There are numerous other environmental benefits including pollution reduction, flood prevention and wildlife encouragement.

Fundraising is now well underway. The plan is to save approximately £10,000 for 20 trees (ten on either side of the street).

The reason for our letter is to win the backing of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee for (i) the usual tree-planting fee to be honoured in lieu of any revised figure and (ii) a survey to be undertaken as a matter of urgency so that planting can take place in the autumn.

We look forward to having the opportunity to attend committee to present the proposal and to answer any questions as necessary.

With best wishes

**Cllr Robert Nemeth and Cllr Garry Peltzer Dunn
Wish Ward**

