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E-mail to Will Glassup

I would start off by saying that this e-mail is not an animadversion of yourself but of a system which has allowed the pavements of Fore Street to deteriorate to a level that they have become a potential danger to pedestrians.

I would thank you for spending the time with myself and others from Saltash Town Team (STT) in looking at the issues which we see as impediments to the safety and wellbeing of the users of Fore Street.

STT is a forum which has been set up with the sole aim of improving the economic, social and environmental vitality of the town centre and thereby making Saltash a better place to live, work, visit and enjoy. It consists of representatives of both town and country councillors and the private sector through Saltash Chamber of Commerce and Community Enterprises PL12. We have secured funding for various proposals which are to improve the ambience/attraction of the town centre and it was with this in mind that you were invited on a walkabout of the town centre so that we could show you matters that especially concerned us, as detailed below:-

1. At point A on the attached plan there are two large trees where the roots have broken up the pavement surface and made it excessively uneven and in several parts a potential trip hazard. As we are trying to 'green' the town centre we would not want these trees removed and the roots dug up and were happy with the potential solution of the paving slabs being lifted (and kept for patching repairs elsewhere in Fore Street, when necessary) and a tarmac (perhaps coloured) solution be used in the relevant area.
2. At points B and C there are similar concerns with tree roots but here we discussed the possibility of placing seating around the tree whereby the width of the seat would be of a depth to cover the area of the offending root disturbance. In the case of Point B the seat would be $\frac{3}{4}$ circular and at Point C it would be of a full circular nature.

The above are safety issues to the pedestrians but there were also concerns with those to motorists mainly related to age and cleanliness of the signs and hence their ability to provide the requisite function to drivers. There were also signposts which were bent.

In all the above the problems could result in incidences leading to claims against Cornwall Council and we would hope that long term solutions can be achieved so that such do not occur.

One other issue that was also raised was the recent replacement of two pillars close to the junction between Fore Street and Belle Vue Road which were displaced by a car. The two replacements have been installed at a different height to those adjacent. Could these be reinstalled to give a synergy in height alignment.

STT looks forward to an early solution to all of the above and would be willing to work with you in achieving solutions that would not only resolve the safety issues but also benefit the visual impact of Fore Street.

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