



**SEA Report to STC
Services Committee
October 2026**

8th October 2026

Pillmere Meadows

The Committee asked for clarification on SEA's proposal for adding hedge/trees to the Meadow to provide more variation in habitat – but plans depend on the residents' wishes. We will continue discussions with residents, and return to the Committee if there is a proposal they would agree to. (They are reluctant to plant trees in principle because of their historical experience with trees blocking the footpaths).

Allotment requests – pp Rebecca Pearce

1) Approach to 'weeds':

All our fruit bushes and trees have made it through the drought due to our leaving grasses long. And our autumn sowings of salad crops are doing well in our compost made from brambles, bindweed and other disturbance weeds and couch grass, so there is absolutely no reason to berate allotmenters for having 'weedy' plots and there is no justification for removing 'weeds' and taking them to the tip. I'd recommend Council promote this as it helps the land sustain itself in extreme weather conditions and reduces expenditure on imported compost and largely negates the need for artificial fertilisers as it is the 'weeds' that supply nutrients to other plants.

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