

30th October 2023

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Dear Ed

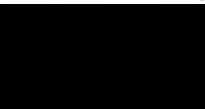
A coronation Tree – Carkeel Roundabout, Saltash

At the Saltash Town Council meeting held on Thursday 5th October 2023, correspondence was received from Colonel Edward Bolitho (as attached), requesting Saltash Town Council consider supporting together with the Cornwall Councillors, to plant a tree at Carkeel roundabout to commemorate the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. The matter was considered at that meeting where Saltash Town Council agreed to support the request to arrange a meeting with National Highways to discuss the potential planting of a tree to commemorate the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III.

Thank you for taking the time to read our letter, we hope you will be available to meet with us, we look forward to hearing from you in due course.

I will copy this letter to Colonel Edward Bolitho for his records.

Yours sincerely



Councillor Richard Bickford
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Dear Councillor Bickford

A CORONATION TREE – CARKEEL ROUNDABOUT

Cornwall, along with the counties of the remainder of the United Kingdom, is being given a tree to plant to commemorate the Coronation of HM King Charles III this year. After wide consultation, the favoured plan is to plant the tree in the middle of the Carkeel roundabout on the A38, as a welcome and farewell to Cornwall to visitors and locals alike. This is felt to be an ideal place and a highly prominent one and I hope you and your Council would support the proposal. It certainly has the strong support of James Kitson DL, my local deputy lieutenant. In terms of what we might plant, an English Oak might seem the most appropriate tree, and we certainly want something that will be there ideally for hundreds of years, but we can be flexible if National Highways have particular views.

The roundabout is owned, we understand by, National Highways, and therefore authority to plant the tree would need to come from them. We are seeking to get such authority through the Lieutenancy Office in County Hall but think it would be useful if Saltash Town Council were happy to write a joint letter with Cornwall Councillors to National Highways asking for a meeting to discuss the proposal.

Inevitably, time is not on our side and the tree needs to be planted ideally this year, but at the very latest by the beginning of March 2024, so we need to get a view from National Highways quickly, so that other plans can be laid if Carkeel is a non-starter.

I will copy this letter to the Lieutenancy Office and James Kitson, so that can help if necessary.

With all good wishes

Yours sincerely

