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Petition No.	Description	Presented (date)	Presented (at)	Submitted (by)	Status
574	We feel that the sudden end of garden waste collections is unfair. While we understand that all councils need to make difficult decisions in the current economic climate but ending the service without notice will cause difficulties to many people. Many residents have full brown bins, and these will be incredibly difficult for people to empty into bags to take to the dump, particularly those who have physical disabilities. We ask that the council consider emptying all brown bins in the borough and then remove the bins before people start dumping them everywhere. If the council is considering introducing a paid for service, in line with other councils, then this will give residents an option to continue having their garden waste collected.	June 2023	On-Line	Resident	Resident was advised that following a temporary suspension of the garden waste kerbside collection service, the Clean and Green Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet considered options for green waste collection at their respective meetings on 13 th and 14 th June. It was resolved to introduce Biweekly Recycling collections to facilitate Biweekly Green waste collections with effect from 26 th June. This was in addition to the provision of a garden waste disposal option for residents at the Household Waste and Recycling Centre in Linford.
575	We the undersigned call on Anglian Water the relevant owners to fully crown and maintain the trees on their land at the area of Fredrick Andrewes Court and Silverlocke Road. This will enable the residents to fully enjoy the sun from the south facing aspects of their properties, help prolong the life of the trees and allay the safety concerns of residents.	June 2023	Council	Cllr Kelly	The trees, that are beyond the South Boundary of the complex are as mentioned not in the ownership of Thurrock Council. This matter was raised a few months ago by the local councillors and at that point we searched via HM Land Registry which showed ownership by an offshore holding company. The council's tree officer visited the location, and considered what powers, if any, could be exercised in relation to these trees.

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					<p>The conclusion is that we do not have any powers that we may exercise in this case. The tree officer subsequently wrote to the landowners, requesting attention on behalf of the residents, but it should be appreciated that the owner has no legal obligation to prune the trees at our request, and unfortunately on this occasion there is no relevant legislation that could be used to compel maintenance relating to these trees. It would be down to good will on the part of the owner. Following this petition the team have again checked the Land Registry details to ensure that there have been no changes and have written to the landowner to again ask them to be a considerate neighbour and to maintain the trees.</p>
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