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Dear Thuja

West Avenue Roundhay Park, E.433007 N.437513 - Further Tree Planting at Roundhay Park

Thank you for your e-mail, 23rd July 2026 re further planting of standard trees for Roundhay Park for next the planting season, along West Avenue. We understand that this was part of the original plan, but you opted to plant in two phases. These trees will fill in some of the gaps along the West Avenue Side.

I have conferred with my Leeds conservation colleague who says that regarding the proposed new tree planting area, what survives are magnificent mature beeches with no younger specimens to follow on. So, we wonder if new beech - reflecting Thomas Nicholson's legacy plantings of beech clumps in this locality - would be a thought although if it's felt that this would only be a short-term solution with climate change then more English oak - *Quercus robur* - should be fine.

We hope that you are all coping with the lack of rain and have been able to use the bowers for watering the new oaks that you planted last season. I live near Richmond, N Yorks and we haven't had any rain at all for almost 6 weeks so I'm pretty desperate and carrying household water (not from the loos tho'!) out to our 1.5acre plot that I've gardened for 45 years.

Yours sincerely,

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