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Cllr Paul Thorp
Elected Member

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Dear Cllr Thorp,

Council Meeting – Wednesday 15th July 2026

Thank you for your question raised at the Council meeting on Wednesday 15th July. I have set out your question and my response below.

Can the council please explain how, 14 months since I raised the state of Herringthorpe Valley Park tennis courts, including the state of the courts and the problem with overhanging trees blocking one third of the courts. Then after spending £150,000 to resurface them & 8 months since work started RMBC tree services still hasn't cut these trees back why.

I am advised that the tennis provision at Herringthorpe Valley Park consists of three courts.

Officers were aware in December 2025 that works to the trees overhanging one of the courts would be required. However, the works were awaiting scheduling within the Tree Service programme with priority given to higher-risk works. At that point, the courts were still being refurbished and the trees were given a low-priority risk assessment.

It has been recommended by experts that work on London Plane trees takes place either after rain or when the leaves have fallen, therefore, our contractor will undertake initial work during the summer if possible, and ensure the work is completed this winter.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynda Marshall'.

Cllr Lynda Marshall

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