

# Paper Petition Details

## Overhanging branches along Langley Broom

We, the residents of Langley Broom, would appreciate it if the council could trim or crop the branches of the oak trees lined along Langley Broom.

**This petition was received on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2011.**

**This petition was passed to the Tree Management Officer on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2011.**

**This petition was responded to on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2011 by the Tree Management Officer.**

### Final Results

<b>Number of Signatures</b>	<b>24</b>
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### Council Response

The petition expresses the residents desire to have the trees pruned which line the road of Langley Broom. I have inspected the trees in response to this petition and have consulted the Councils records. The trees have been previously inspected regularly and the last inspection was in September 2010.

The trees concerned are large mature trees lining the road and I do recognise that the trees are a dominant feature in the road and can cause a nuisance: The trees are however of landscape importance and afford prominent amenity. The Council's main criterion in undertaking work to trees is to ensure the trees are in a safe condition. These trees were previously pruned in 2007, 2008 and further extensively pruned in 2009. These works were undertaken to keep the risk posed by the trees to an acceptable level and were identified as being required following the arboricultural inspections.

Unfortunately the Council does not have the resources to prune trees that are only causing problems of shading or overhanging private properties or causing a nuisance due to leaf litter or fruit drop.

The trees will be subject to regular inspection and if any further works are required for safety they will be undertaken. Please note that to work on many of the trees requires the road to be closed, so to keep disruption for the residents to a minimum minor works will only be undertaken when major works are scheduled unless required for safety.

As a result of the recent inspection some work has been identified as desirable and will be scheduled when further safely critical work is required.