



**Council**  
**Thursday, 30th January, 2025 at 5.00 pm**  
**in the Assembly Room, Town Hall, Saturday Market**  
**Place, King's Lynn PE30 5DQ**

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To receive petitions and public questions in accordance with Standing Order 9.

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## **Public Questions to Council on 30 January 2024**

### **1 Question from Mrs E Reeve**

According to your own figures there are 2,800 empty properties in the Borough of King's Lynn and West Norfolk, the majority of which are residential. All major parties seem to have the same view that we need more houses built and the Government will be putting requirements in place. I understand that many councils in England are contacting the Government to say they aren't able to deliver on the Govts new requirements, so why cant the existing empty houses be brought back into use for those needs.

### **2 Question from Ms J Irving**

Firstly, my thanks to Cllr Moriarty for his full and informative answers to my questions about Hedgerow protection and the enforcement and monitoring of Tree Preservation Orders.

It seems that trees with TPOs are not routinely monitored by tree officers except in the context of impending development: the system of monitoring then relies on the public knowing which trees have TPOs, how to report a danger to them and trusting that action will be taken. From a citizen's point of view, finding all this information is difficult and time consuming using current cumbersome systems.

It is clear that it is difficult for the authorities to know how many trees with TPOs have been felled or damaged on an ad hoc basis, when that damage is not part of a building development.

My question to the council, is therefore, how many trees with TPOs have been lost in the course of building and other developments since records began in 2005 ?