Question from Councillor Damian Bretherton

A resident has written to me to express concern about the abnormal failure rate of the trees planted along the Penwortham Bypass/ John Horrocks Way.

The vast majority of saplings have not taken root and in some areas the failure rate is over 90%. The resident believes the reason could be that the contractor did not bed in the trees properly and allowing excess water to the roots.

Please can you explain the likely reason for this failure and what lessons have been learnt to ensure similar mistakes are not repeated?