

## **Letter from the Committee of the Espaces verts to all the owners of the Domaine du Golf de Roquebrune**

Recently we have received a number of complaints concerning of the obstruction of the view of a number of owners as a result of trees becoming too tall.

Two aspects need to be considered:

- trees in the general areas
- trees on private properties.

### **Trees in the General Areas**

These trees belong to our Domaine in general and no decision concerning the size or removal of these trees can be taken by private individuals.

We can discuss possible pruning and submit proposals to the Syndicat for general agreement, but we ask you not to proceed individually with any drastic pruning.

We accept that the pleasure of each of us is important. We are at your disposal and rely on you to make judicious and reasonable proposals.

We are trying to improve the general areas in the interests of all, and you will understand that we cannot satisfy every individual desire that is not consistent with this aim.

### **Trees on Private Properties**

It is not our brief to consider the management of the trees on private properties which must comply with the rules of town planning, namely the control of the vegetation taking into consideration neighbouring properties. And even in this case, it is the harmonious relationship with a whole group of neighbours which must be considered. We can only recommend that you come to an agreement with your neighbours about the size of their trees, on which there is no obligation if a suitable agreement is not reached.

We also remind you that trees of a mature size can be put into danger by too severe a pruning and certainly do not tolerate even the top being cut off without irreversible damage. The pines of the entry to the Domaine belong to these species. To decrease the size or to cut these pines would not solve the problem of the view of the residents. Indeed we would go so far as to say:

- residents need these trees to maintain their privacy
- we cannot ask Mr Semet to prune/cut down his house!
- we cannot ask the Golf to cut down their trees.

The beauty of the entrance to our Domaine depends very much on these trees. The pines must be allowed to grow, but a soft pruning of the foliage around the base consistent with a pruning plan of the owners could open a window on the view for those owners.

Concerning such an outcome, we remind private garden owners that they alone are responsible for removing their green waste (to the déchèterie on the Col de Brognon towards Les Issambres) and that this must not be left on the public highway, as has occasionally been observed.

Your committee

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