

## **TREES REPLACEMENT**

**Mr. Andy Watkiss**  
**Gardening, Water and Cleaning Committee**

At the 2020 AGM we discussed the issues of certain trees that had a destructive effect on the resort. At the request of the Community of Owners the gardening committee was tasked to investigate this and report back with answers. They have reviewed the trees that were identified by the owners as dangerous or could cause damage to the pavements. It is worth mentioning that none of the trees studied are currently showing structural damage to housing. Although there appear not to be structural damage, tree roots were the main cause of not being able to pull new fibre to some properties as they had crushed the ducting into the properties. There is also evidence of leaves and flower debris appearing in owners' homes / balconies. These trees were removed during 2020 and 2021.

The trees along the roadsides on Condado de Alhama Resort consist of two main species: Jacaranda Mimosifolia and Tipiana tipu.

Due to both its nature and location, the trees that present the greatest risk of causing problems to homes are the 553 specimen of Tipuana tipu mainly found along the interior road of Naranjos, Jardines and the Penthouses.

Along the secondary roads, there are 785 specimen of Jacaranda Mimosifolia that currently do not pose a threat to homes in the short term. However, they will need to be monitored in order to anticipate possible future damages.

We are still investigating replacing all the trees on the inner ring with trees that do not have deep roots. We have completed a draft report but feel that the resort does not have the finances to implement such a programme this year. Work will continue with this and we will report back to future AGM's.

As presented at the 2020 AGM, if owners want to have a tree which has been classified as destructive removed they may do so at their own cost, currently estimated at €100 including the cost of replanting which will take place once the species of the replacement tree for the resort has been determined. They will need to follow the protocol listed below.

### **Tree Protocol for removal or pruning of trees**

Trees causing destruction

- these will be removed with the cost borne by community

Trees classified as destructive but with no visible signs of damage

- owners may submit a request to administration to remove a tree at their own expense including a replacement tree, currently estimated at 100€ subject to

a number being removed at the same time. The replacement will be planted once we have agreed the most suitable species for the resort.

- the gardening committee will coordinate the removal with gardening company or another contractor

#### Trees not classified as destructive

- if they are causing damage they will be removed with the cost borne by the community
- if there is no damage they cannot be removed but may be pruned

#### Requests for tree pruning

- trees are pruned regularly by gardening company
- additional pruning may be requested by owners at their own expense, currently estimated at 90€ subject to amount of growth to be removed