

LINSLADE MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELDS – PETITION FOR HEDGE PLANTING

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Mr. Saccoccio, Mr. Berry and Mr. Haynes,

Good day to you all and thank-you for taking the time to consider the proposal for hedge planting along the length of the south side of the fence in the Linslade Memorial Playing Fields. This mail is being sent on behalf of The Wharf Management Limited of which I am one of the directors, representing the residents of The Wharf housing complex.

We are petitioning the Council for the planting of a hedge chiefly as a barrier to balls constantly being kicked at our fence.

Just over two years ago we replaced the whole of the fence separating The Wharf from the Playing Fields at considerable cost, the old fencing being the worse for wear due to age & damage caused by general daily park activities.

Since being installed, we have already had to replace at least one fencing panel due to damage caused by having footballs constantly kicked against it from the Playing Fields side.

We feel that the absence of a surface off which park users are able to bounce footballs will discourage balls being kicked deliberately in that direction at all, enabling the newly planted hedge to become home for a multitude of wildlife.

The hedges on The Wharf side of the fence are home to several species of British birds & gives shelter to many more small animals & insects. I also think that the Playing Fields would look so much better with a vibrant hedge along one side rather than an expanse of dull brown fencing panels.

The Wharf is a large complex with much green space for which we have a gardening company attend site to maintain on a weekly basis, and we would instruct them to carry out occasional maintenance of the new hedge, saving the Council the expense & trouble of its upkeep. Maintenance of our fence is still easily done as the panels slide in & out & can be simply removed for repainting or replacement.

Councillor Victoria Harvey is our sponsor for this petition & I'm sure that she will keep us apprised of your decision on the matter.

Thank-you once again for your consideration.

Regards,

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