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Dear Resident
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Dear Resident,

FRONT OF THE LODGE

You may or may not be aware that Wokingham Borough Council are moving forward towards the adoption of the open spaces within the Shinfield Park development. The Council have recently been able to agree the exchange of open space with Barratts and are now at a time where we ask that remedial works are carried out to the spaces until they are at a standard where the Council can agree to enter the adoption process (i.e. the Council takes on responsibility for maintaining the land).

Among the areas to be adopted is the eclipse of planting adjacent to the footpath in front of the Lodge. I have enclosed a map and photos which identifies the area. This area needs some renovation works and we would appreciate your views about what you would like to see here.

Our suggestion needs to be realistic and achievable in order to progress and I have listed the following options:

1. Do nothing and leave as it is.
2. Remove all the shrubs leaving only the trees and return all the surface to grass. Install a low trip rail fence (identical to the one surrounding the ancient oak) along the edge facing the road in order to stop cars bumping the kerb.
3. Leave essentially the same but replace all shrubs with more appropriate lower growing shrubs such as Hebe, Euonymus, Hypericum and Lonicera Nitida.
4. Adjust the design and layout in order to reflect the shape of a propeller as intended in the original design. Keep the design simple with no shrubs and trees only as indicated on the design attached.

Any of the above options could also include a small centre circle of stone with a memorial to the RAF embossed upon the stone such as the Crest Badge of the Flying Training Command. (Example enclosed).

