

Email from Liberty Property Trust

Thank you for providing LPTUK with the outcome of agenda item 11 (below) from the Parish Council meeting, held on the 21 January, 2021.

11. Friends of the Earth 11.1. *To consider request of support for the Friends of the Earth initiative to donate and plant a biosecure Oak Sapling, accompanied by a plaque honouring the achievements of a Kings Hill resident in one of the following three locations; Pippin Way Bandstand; Location on Pippin Way Green; Location within Phase 1.*

We understand that whilst it supported the idea of planting a commemorative tree – it did not select a location or agree to approach KHREMC to request permission to identify a location.

Kent County Council, the landowner of the village green amenity space in phase 1, has since been asked if it would allow the planting of an oak sapling in this location. Unfortunately, it has confirmed the land cannot be made available for this purpose.

As you know, from the outset, LPTUK has fully supported the suggestion that a tree is dedicated in celebration of a local resident's achievements. LPTUK would like the Parish Council to consider whether the feature tree, Acer Rubrum Red Sunset, which was recently planted at the Sunset Gateway to the park, is considered. We propose that the text for the plaque to be located near that tree be jointly agreed between the Parish Council and LPTUK, as a community initiative. As the family were invited by LPTUK to be the first family to officially enter the new park on 4th July 2020 and are regular visitors to it, we feel the suggestion is a logical continuation of their association with the park. We have spoken to the family and they are supportive of this suggestion.

We would be appreciate this item being included on the next agenda for the Full Council to consider at the meeting scheduled to take place on 17th February, 2021.