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PRESS RELEASE

'REC' ROAD DEADLOCK COULD BE BROKEN.

The Town Council would like to clarify some points from the article of March 21st.

We must strongly reiterate that the decision not to sell the land was made in December 2008. This was immediately reported to NKDC. Following the elections in May last year this decision was re-affirmed by the newly elected Council. The Council has since 2008 continually reminded NKDC of their stance and continues to do so in an attempt to clarify this area of confusion. Planning permission was granted by NKDC in 2009 despite the views of the Town Council.

The piece of land the Town Council is being offered to replace the loss of the recreation land has been reported as having a value of £1m. This land is only slightly larger than the land being taken and the Town Council has not had sight of any valuation to substantiate this. As recreation land, the value is academic.

The £450,000 which is reported as being "on offer for improvements to the recreation land and planting schemes" is somewhat misleading. Under the planning conditions this sum is solely for tree loss. A planting scheme for the replacement land was submitted by NKDC two years ago. The Town Council has not seen a detailed costing for this scheme and the Town Council has had little or no input into the scheme. The administration of this money would be handled by NKDC.

Any future maintenance of the area and the tree planting scheme would be managed and funded by the Town Council.

I hope this clarifies some of the points as the Town Council is already receiving questions concerning these matters.

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