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Dear Neighbour,

Phoenix Field

(The land behind the new Priory Gardens development, used as recreational open space and a dog walking area by many residents of Pipe Gate)

The owner of Phoenix Field has offered this land for sale to the residents of Pipe Gate on the basis that the land will be kept as it is; a semi-natural open space available for the benefit of the local community.

Many Pipe Gate residents that I have spoken to believe that this offer provides a unique opportunity for us to secure an invaluable recreational resource for ourselves and for future residents of Pipe Gate.

I am therefore writing to ask for your participation in the community purchase of Phoenix Field. After taking professional advice, the simplest proposal seems to be for households to make a one-off donation of £250 to a community-owned limited liability company that would purchase the land; this company would be run by residents of Pipe Gate, who in turn would be elected by residents of Pipe Gate.

All donations received would go directly towards the cost of purchasing the land and the legal fees associated with the purchase.

If any money is left over after the purchase this would be used to fund public liability insurance and the on-going maintenance of the field such as grass cutting, maintaining the path around the field, ensuring the trees are healthy and safe, litter collection, etc. The management of these activities, as well as any fund-raising that might be required in the future, would be handled by those residents elected to run the company.

If you are interested in participating in this project, or would just like further information, I will be organising a public meeting in the near future. If you would like to attend this meeting please let me know your preferred contact details so that I can inform you of the arrangements. Please include your name and address and preferably an email address if you have one.

Feel free to contact me directly at any time if you have any specific questions.

Where possible, additional information will also be posted on the Web at pipegate.org.uk

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