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Dear Anne,

**Re: Use of CIL funding in Hillfield Local nature Reserve.**

The view in the image below is a result of an error following a planning application a few years back. I believe we erred (planners, committee and local councillors) believing the planting that was mentioned in conditions allowing the development would be sufficient in screening the building. This is obviously not the case and residents deserve further attention to their pleas (a petition calling for screening was submitted about two years ago to nil effect).



I have discussed this issue with our planning officers whilst receiving briefing regarding some of the planning applications that have been allowed, and some still in progress. For example, the development of a Barchester Care Home on the Shirley Aquatic site nearby in Stratford Road and the possible development of a new Mercedes dealership on Monkspath Hall Road will accrue a substantial amount of CIL funding that can be used for environmental betterment in the immediate vicinity.

I ask that serious attention is given to rectifying the issue of screening of the building mentioned and that CIL funding accrued from the developments in the area be used to facilitating effective and sustainable screening of this ugly view.

Yours faithfully,

