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Cllr. Fiona Gaskell,
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By email.

Copied to Cllr. Chris White,
Leader of St. Albans City & District Council

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Dear Cllr. Gaskell,

Kinsbourne Green Common

I trust this letter is well received.

It has come to my attention that Kinsbourne Green Common – a large green amenity space serving residents of north Harpenden and Kinsbourne Green – has been placed on the market for sale. This is Common land and provides a wonderful amenity benefit to residents in Harpenden.

I am writing you to urge Harpenden Town Council to consider engaging with the sale process, with a view to safeguarding this land over the longer term. I acknowledge that the land falls within the boundaries of the Harpenden Rural Parish, but given Harpenden Town Council's significant existing landholdings, I believe the Town Council would make an excellent custodian of the Common, as it already is for Harpenden Common and Harpenden's many parks and open spaces.

We all want to ensure that this land is protected over the longer term. By purchasing this land, Harpenden Town Council will be able to prevent any future risk of developers attempting to reverse its Common land status and take this important amenity space away from residents.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,