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Mr A Taylor
Assistant Director Planning and Building Control
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Dear Mr Taylor,

Re: Walnut Tree Meadow, Copthall Lane, Thaxted :Proposed Asset of Community Value

Thank you for your letter dated 10th January addressed to my brother Christopher Wright who jointly owns this land with me.

Our family have in fact owned this land for over a century and it has been used to benefit the town in many ways over the years – from flower festivals to fairs, school playing fields to a wonderful unspoilt open space for the residents of Thaxted to enjoy.

Despite misconceptions over the years, this is still private land with no right of way between it and the land to the north adjoining Brookview. We have erected a sign close to the culvert to clarify this but have been saddened to see vandalism of fencing here.

My brother and I have agreed to let the meadow to the Parish Council for the benefit of the town but would hope that this gesture is not abused.

With respect, we think it would be unreasonable to encumber the land unnecessarily.

Kind regards,

Mrs Lucy Banks