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Shaun Macdonald,
Leader of the Council,
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Dear Councillor Macdonald,

Re: Discontinuation of the Christmas Tree Recycling Initiative

On behalf of Windlesham Parish Council, I am writing to express the Council's disappointment regarding the recent decision to cease the Christmas tree recycling initiative across Surrey Heath. We are particularly concerned that no consultation was undertaken with local councils or residents before this decision was made.

This initiative has been highly valued by our community, aligning with both environmental and economic priorities. Notably, the SHBC website highlights the scheme as an example of how Surrey Heath Borough Council is tackling climate change, with recycled trees providing chippings for use on park paths—a practice that presumably also offers cost savings to the Council.

Given Surrey Heath Borough Council's stated commitment to environmental responsibility, the discontinuation of such a beneficial scheme appears contradictory. We would appreciate clarification on the rationale behind this decision and why alternative options, such as consulting with stakeholders or exploring ways to mitigate costs, were not pursued.

Windlesham Parish Council strongly believes that collaborative discussions on such matters are vital, as they directly impact both our residents and the local environment.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We hope to engage constructively with Surrey Heath Borough Council to explore solutions that meet the needs of our communities and support our shared goals.

We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

Joanna Whitfield
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