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Ms Georgia Morgan-Deen
Clerk, Haydon Wick Parish Council
Tahames Avenue
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Dear Ms Loxton,

Re: Legend on a Bench – Park Benches in Parish Parks and Open Spaces

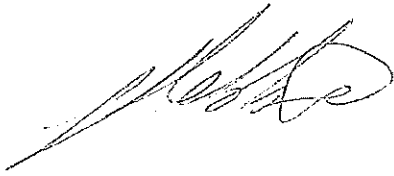
The Council recognises incredible work that the organisation, *Legend on a Bench*, undertake in raising money for the public's benefit, to provide relief and assistance to people in need, in any part of the UK, who are suffering from mental health issues and suicidal thoughts. Swindon Borough Council appreciates the valuable positive impact that the provision of benches in public spaces, with inscriptions of sources of support, advocacy, advice and information, has on people struggling with mental health issues.

During a recent Swindon Borough Council 'Council Meeting', it was agreed that Swindon Borough Council (SBC) would contact Swindon Borough Parish Councils to request, in support of the immense positive impact having such a facility can have on a person in their time of need, that Parish Councils make all reasonable efforts to install at least one fully funded bench, with inscriptions of sources of support, advocacy, advice and information, in one or more parks and open spaces within the Parish.

I am sure you will agree with me that this action across our borough, is a small but meaningful way of supporting our those vulnerable at a time when they are most need of it and I hope you will support me and SBC in fulfilling this commitment.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Robbins', with a stylized, cursive script.

Councillor Jim Robbins
Leader of Swindon Borough Council
Councillor for Mannington & Western Ward