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Dear Mr. Khan,

A report in the press of a recent study by the Forestry Commission and others stated that trees contribute 1.6 billion pounds to the home economy.

However important that is, the value of trees to the physical and psychological well-being of urban dwellers is enormous. Housing development is essential but any loss of green space, particularly those with trees, must be balanced by developing alternative green sites. Ancient woodland sites and veteran trees should have extra protection as they are vital for biodiversity.

A very worrying aspect of modern life is how little urban children play out of doors and how little they know about the natural world. By protecting the latter you will be benefitting the former.

Yours sincerely,