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Dear Mr Jones

Motion passed at Braintree District Council

I write to notify the County Council of a motion approved at the Braintree District Council full council meeting of the 22nd July 2019.

The Motion proposed by Councillor van Dulken stated:

"Roadside verges are recognised as being increasingly important as havens for wildlife, supporting many common and rare species of wildflowers and animals, such as bumblebees, butterflies and other invertebrates, as well as lizards, amphibians, small mammals and a variety of birds. They act as ecological corridors along which wildlife can move, linking habitats and allowing wildlife to re-colonise landscapes fragmented by modern agriculture. The wildflowers that grow form an attractive feature of the local landscape. The verges make a significant contribution to the conservation of biodiversity and the local environment across the Braintree District."

Cllr Mrs Wendy Schmitt, in her capacity as the Essex County Council Member for Braintree Town has asked the County Council to undertake a review of the management of roadside verges, as part of its Scrutiny function. This is with a view to a more sustainable way of managing and maintaining the verges being developed that protects their value for biodiversity and conservation without compromising road/public safety."

This Council acknowledge and fully endorses Cllr. Mrs Schmitt's request to Essex County Council and eagerly awaits the outcome of their review."

I trust that you can ensure that this Member decision is appropriately noted by the County Council.

Yours sincerely



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