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More poplars to be felled?

Finesse Leisure have written to the council to propose felling ALL of the 428 poplar trees in the north car park at Stanborough Lakes. This is despite local opinion being firmly against this, and in favour of a phased approach to the replacement of the trees.

Lib Dem campaigners Cllr Louise Lotz and Nigel Quinton will be requesting an urgent meeting with Finesse to hear why Finesse are prepared to ignore the findings of two consultants' reports, one of which, by Gristwood & Toms, suggested the poplars had a value to the community of around half a million pounds – until the council overrode our objections and felled the trees at the south car park.

"We think it would be a disaster for the council to ruin both sites when other perfectly viable options remain. We hope that the council will reject Finesse's proposal and listen to the wishes of the community," said Nigel Quinton. "It is not that we want to keep the poplars for ever, nor do we wish them to plant more poplars, we just want the council to come up with a sensible scheme to replace these trees more gradually, avoiding the creation of another eyesore such as now exists at the south car park. We have plenty of expert opinion – including the reports the council itself has commissioned – which makes clear that this is perfectly achievable."

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