From: **Tim Howell**
Date: Wed, 10 Dec 2025 at 16:06
Subject: Re: AWDM/0999/25
To: Stephen Cantwell

Stephen,

Thank you for your call earlier. I live at 11 First Avenue, where my garden backs onto the proposed wildlife garden area. My gate access to the ground is just behind the current storage containers.

I'm supportive of the clubhouse extension and welcome improvements that will help the club continue to thrive. I also appreciate the intention behind creating a wildlife garden. However, I don't support the current layout of this element:

- Maintenance and sustainability: Outdoor planted areas can be costly to manage over time. If maintenance funding ever reduces, there's a risk the space could become untidy rather than an asset to the ground.

- Positioning close to residential boundaries: The proposal includes tables very close to private gardens. The inclusion of seating may unintentionally encourage unsupervised evening gatherings, leading to noise or disturbance that could be difficult to monitor and manage so close to residential gardens.

- Impact of the proposed tree: The new tree appears likely to cause further loss of sunlight to neighbouring gardens once mature, on top of existing shade caused by TPO trees (TPO 30 2003).

- Additional fencing: The indicated fence line (blue line on 1658/009 Rev C) seems to create a barrier without a clear benefit, potentially reducing openness between the recreation ground and the boundary.

Perhaps there is scope to relocate or adapt this element so it complements the park without creating future conflicts with neighbouring properties. A simpler, low-maintenance planted area (for example a hedge or landscaping without seating) might deliver environmental benefits while keeping the space easy to manage and well-integrated with the playing fields.

I hope this feedback is helpful and constructive as part of the planning process.

Kind regards,
Tim