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Agenda item 14a Request to construct Duck platform

Dear Council,

The pond in the recreation area near Guttery Close/Windmill Meadow is frequented every year by one or two pairs of Mallards. The birds try to nest in the area surrounding the pond but the ducklings are often predated by cats from the surrounding houses. A resident in Fismes Way used to bring the ducklings to a pen at his home and, under the mother's care, care for them until they could fend for themselves. When he passed away his good work stopped and very few ducklings have survived to adulthood. A few of us have talked about placing a floating island secured by ropes to three or four trees on the banks. The island would be of treated timber, about 6 foot square with a nesting 'hut', and supported by four 25 litre plastic containers.

We would like permission to carry this out. As the pond area is fenced and secured, with warning notices, no health and safety problems are envisaged once the island is in position. The work would be carried out by us. We would be happy for any council involvement if this was desired.

Please let me know your decision and any requirements you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

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