## **APPENDIX Hii**

From: Stuart Kidd

**Sent:** 17 September 2021 16:11

To: enquiries <enquiries@oakhamtowncouncil.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Local Authority Treescape Fund

Good afternoon,

It is with much regret that I must inform you that we will no longer be in a position to apply for the grant from FCC to get new trees in your area. This is because a major site that had supported over 70% of the potential trees and grant has pulled out today. The loss of their site means that the money we are applying for has dipped below the minimum threshold allowed to apply for the grant.

Unfortunately we cannot adjust other areas in this scheme at this late stage according to the DEFRA guidelines. I am bitterly disappointed with the outcome and I am sure you will share this feeling. Please understand that I and RCC could not control this as it was an independent site.

I am taking actions to ensure that the county is in a better place for any future grant schemes and am happy to work with external parties to achieve the goal of making this county and country greener and cleaner.

Kind regards,

## **Stuart Kidd**

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