



Limes, Firs and Spurs Residents Association

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Cc Cllr Dave Casewell, 30 North Street West, Uppingham, Rutland, LE15 9SG

Dear Neil and Dave

Please find attached a copy of the minutes from the Limes, Firs and Spurs Committee Meeting held on 29th January 2018. In particular I would like to draw your attention to item number 6 which covers the Neighbourhood Plan and the participation of our Resident's Association within it.

You will see that a number of specific items were discussed including the idea of forming a smaller working party at the Neighbourhood Plan Committee. It was felt that this would have a detrimental effect on the Neighbourhood Plan and a formal vote was recorded making it our official position to oppose this proposal when the deferred item returns to the agenda for the Neighbourhood Plan Committee. I assume that the issue of working parties will be on the next agenda.

Our rationale for taking this stance is that our committee felt that it was important for the Community to feel that their involvement in the process was genuine and that by reducing the involvement of the wider Neighbourhood Plan Committee through working parties this was sending the wrong messages. Indeed, our Resident's Association Committee wish to go further in asking the Town Council to demonstrate that the desire to have Community involvement is genuine. As you will see we have passed a formal motion proposing that both the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee should be chosen annually by the members of that committee rather than by the Town Council. As Secretary of the Limes, Firs and Spurs Residents Association I am therefore now formally asking for this motion to be made a formal agenda item at the next Neighbourhood Plan Committee. If you need this request to be endorsed by serving Town Councillors then Cllrs Ainslie and Edwards have indicated that they will be happy to call at the Town Hall and sign written copies of this motion.

The Residents Association Committee also discussed your request for views from participating organisations as to what matters they would additionally like to see included in the refreshed Neighbourhood Plan. I hope that you will find the list shown at item 6 helpful (in the attached minutes).

Finally, you will see that we intend to hold an open meeting for our residents to promote the importance of the Neighbourhood Plan and community involvement. We hope that this is something that the Town Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Committee will feel able to support us in.

Yours sincerely,

Sheena Ainslie
Secretary