



# BEECHES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

**Incorporating Neighbourhood Watch and Serving a Britain in Bloom 'Thriving' Neighbourhood**

**Chair: Mark Shaw Vice Chair/Secretary/N Watch: Ron Simpson BEM Treasurer: Roy Farmer**

Members of UTC  
c/o Town Clerk  
Uppingham Town Council

6.3.2018

Dear Uppingham Councillor,

At a recent meeting of the BRA Board it was resolved that the Association write to the council, the Neighbourhood Plan Committee and the Uppingham Neighbourhood Forum Executive Committee, to formally notify colleagues of the BRA Board's support for the concerns and issues about the operation of the Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan Committee raised by the Limes, Firs & Spurs Residents' Association in its letter of February 13<sup>th</sup> 2018.

The modus operandi of the town's first N Plan Task Group was praised by the Plan's external examiner and DCLG officers alike. It was participative, well chaired and never required a vote other than at the outset and at the end. The BRA Board believes that only full participation by community and business delegates in any updating of the Plan will maintain public commitment and ensure a positive outcome. Prompt publication of meeting notes direct to delegates is also seen as a vital element of the Plan's continued credibility with the community.

Now that a Draft NPPF has been published for public consultation, there are major implications for Local and N Plans. It is vital that these issues are discussed at the earliest opportunity. We look forward to a further meeting before the end of March. Once notice of that meeting has been issued, the Board will meet again to discuss its views on the possible content of any updated plan.

Regards,

*Ron Simpson*

BRA Uppingham Ltd

**Copy to:** UNF Executive Committee; Chair and members UNP Committee; UF; UBF; RCC

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