



THE LYMINGTON SOCIETY

Clerk
Lymington Town Council
Town Hall
Lymington
Hampshire

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Dear Sir

There seem to be many changes going on in the Town at present from a planning point of view and the Lymington Society has been arguing many issues on many fronts. I know that other organisations are concerned in a similar way to ourselves over various issues and I hope you would agree that it would be helpful to have an informal meeting of various organisations concerned in the planning and future of Lymington to discuss policy issues of mutual interest so that when we come to discuss policies with official bodies we can feel that we are all looking in the same direction.

The feature of the new planning regime, which is intended to involve the public much more in the planning process, is the possibility of a Town health check. That might be something we can discuss and consider which body feels it appropriate to lead on that contribution to the planning process.

Other subjects that I have in mind are the general question of the density of development in the Town following PPG3 issued by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister which has led to the numerous applications for infilling development by developers. I think we have made considerable progress on this issue with the Planning Officers but there are still many applications in the pipeline.

The Lymington Society are putting forward areas of Special Character to identify those parts of the Town which should not be subject to intense development. A consensus on this would be helpful.

There are specific areas of concern such as the Webbs Site which is now, I appreciate, well into the planning process, but there is still a possibility to influence this and make further proposals to enhance the site.

A new issue on the horizon is the proposed redevelopment of the Regional Library Headquarters and how the Town sees the use of the whole of that area including the car parks at the rear of Tesco. There may be an opportunity for considering a radical parking proposal.

One of the issues of the Webbs site which has been proposed is a further building for community uses and I believe the Community Centre are working towards this. It may be that liaising with the other organisations they can be assisted in taking that forward.

There are several organisations in the Town who are all working in the same direction but separately and, whilst their particular specialties and interests should be respected, it may be useful to have a dialogue either on an occasional basis or a more regular basis.

Perhaps you could let me have your views on this letter and whether you would be interested to come to such a meeting and we can then discuss a time which is suitable to everyone, probably in the early autumn.

Regards

Clive Sutton

cc Secretary of Lymington Community Association