



LYMINGTON & PENNINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

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Our ref: REJ/MJH

6th October 2005.

Mr Clive Sutton,
The Lymington Society,
Buckland Manor,
Sway Road,
LYMINGTON SO41 8NP.

Dear Mr Sutton,

I refer to your recent letter and understand that Cllr Elsworth has written to you on some of the points raised.

At a meeting of the Policy & Resources it was agreed that it would not be practical for a representative from the Council to attend meetings of the Lymington Society, and it was suggested that as an elected body all Council meetings are open to members of the public. Members of the Society would be welcome to attend.

The matter of a Healthcheck, of which planning is just a part, is being addressed, and there will be a short meeting on Wednesday 16th November at 6 p.m. in the Town Council Offices to which a representative of the Society, together with other organizations, will be invited to attend. This meeting will be addressed by Penny Velander, Community Planning Officer, who is working with towns and villages promoting town and parish plans.

Yours sincerely,

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R.E. Jones
TOWN CLERK



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5th October 2005.

Mr Clive Sutton,
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Dear Mr Sutton,

Thank you for your letter of the 6th September 2005, the Town Clerk will be replying to your letter of the 15th August 2005.

I addressed the Economy and Planning Review Panel of the NFDC on the 21st September, a copy of my statement is attached. I understand that new planning guidance is being prepared by NFDC Officers.

About 18 months ago the Town Council also put forward Areas of Special Character only to be told by Chris Elliott that these areas can only be inserted in the current plan when policies are reviewed through the Local Development Framework, the new method of proposing development plans introduced by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and work is now starting on this. The Project Leader for Policy and Plans confirmed that the current policy does not prevent development in areas of Special Character, only that which destroys the character of the area!!

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For some time the Town Council has suggested a multi-storey car park be built on the existing car park behind the town hall, the Town Council would supply a park and ride service from Woodside while it was being built. This would certainly ease the increasing difficulties for visitors and residents alike and the Chamber of Commerce is aware of our suggestion.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Pauline Elsworth
CHAIRMAN, PLANNING COMMITTEE

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CHAIRMAN,
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ADDRESS TO THE ECONOMY AND PLANNING REVIEW PANEL MEETING,
NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL – 21 SEPTEMBER 2005

“When the Town Council wrote to John Prescott 18 months ago about the excessive developments in Lymington the reply was that the criteria in PPG3 pay particular importance to ensuring well-designed developments that do not adversely affect the area – Local Planning Authorities should plan positively in order to protect and enhance the local environment whilst preserving the quality and character of the existing community – developments which do not contribute positively to making places better for people should be rejected.

But they’re not being rejected and we have sites cleared of all mature trees and anything green and soulless blocks of flats and terraces being erected which only attract wealthy retired people from other parts of the country plus second home-owners. We need low cost housing for our young people and that’s all we need with the existing infrastructure under severe strain.

The minimal parking on these new developments will necessitate a multi-storey car park behind the Town Hall – the Town Council can provide a Park and Ride Service while its being built – 90 parking spaces short 10 years ago must equate to double that today especially with the loss of the now built on burgage plots behind the High Street . There appears to be no monitoring of the effects of the increase in population on existing services.

Enough is enough Mr. Chairman, we want a stop to the ruination of our town !!.”