



THE LYMINGTON SOCIETY

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Dear Mr Jones

Thank you for your letter of 6th October and I have discussed the matter informally with Members of the Council. Can I just clarify that we were not formally inviting a Member of the Council to attend meetings of the Lymington Society, although we would be pleased to make such an invitation if that would be welcome. However, I understand the potential difficulties.

What I was suggesting was a one off meeting or series of meetings between the Council and a group of interested parties, such as the Lymington Society, the Chamber of Commerce, Community Association and others to meet ad hoc from time to time over matters of current interest. I would have thought that if the meetings were informal or even semi public they would not give rise to adverse comment and would be constructive.

I have felt it was for the Town Council to take the lead in such meetings but understood from the Town Mayor he felt unable to do this and so as the Chairman of one of the organisations I felt it prudent to offer to convene such a meeting.

I am not quite sure how the format of Council meetings work, but I do not think a meeting with the press present on a formal basis of three minute presentations is going to be conducive to trying to find a consensus as to the direction of the future development of Lymington.

I am sure we can continue cooperation through correspondence and exchange of information.

As I have said to the Planning Officers of the New Forest District Council the Society's wish is to facilitate good development in the Town and to contribute to ideas and discussion which promote that. It is not a pressure group. It tries to be objective and does try to reflect the views of all residents.

Yours sincerely

Clive Sutton

Chairman