

## Odiham Parish Clerk

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**From:** Philip James <philip153fish@yahoo.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 08 June 2015 17:00  
**To:** Graham Bell; Odiham Parish Clerk  
**Cc:** Deputy Clerk Odiham; Jon Hale  
**Subject:** Re: the Deer landscape restoration and park proposals

Dear Graham

I must correct and respond to some of the statements in your email.

First, your comments regarding the numbers of responses to the deer park question in the Onwardplan survey: the factual position on responses was 674, of whom 457 were not open to a proposal to develop the deer park. Your own survey had 161 responses. There is no merit in your speculation about the views of residents who did not reply to either the Onward Plan survey or your own.

Secondly, I think it is perfectly clear that if the residents show that by a 2:1 majority that they are not in favour of the owner's proposal funded by some development, then it is entirely reasonable to proceed with the next draft on the basis of a policy to resist development.

Thirdly, in the first consultation with residents in January, the Deer Park came out, with the Canal, as the most valued green spaces. It was therefore wholly logical to place the Deer Park in that context. On the advice of professional advisors it had its own question and its own policy and there was nothing in the survey or in the draft plan that suggested that the Park should qualify as local green space.

That itself demonstrates the lack of any credibility in your comments. However, and notwithstanding that, you proceed to draw on your misconceptions and unfounded inferences to advance your allegation that the Onward Plan has a predetermined position on the Deer Park. This is fallacious and without any foundation. Your 'perception' is entirely incorrect and the apology you offer in case of misperception is accepted, although you should rightly express that unambiguously, and again I would invite you to do so.

It is of course the case, Graham, that we shall have dealings both with you personally, and your firm, as regards the sites being put forward for development within the plan. You may be assured that we will deal with you and your firm in a scrupulously fair way and will not allow your allegations (however misguided) to deviate the proper production of a plan.

Philip James