

Odiham Parish Clerk

From: Odiham Parish Clerk
Sent: 17 June 2015 13:55
To: 'Graham Bell'
Subject: RE: the Deer landscape restoration and park proposals

Dear Graham

Many thanks for your email. To confirm, moving forwards, there is a forum with OPC and we would like to receive the offered presentation on your revised proposal for the Deer Park that you believe will answer the concerns and feedback that our community have provided. We would propose Tuesday the 30th of June at 7.30pm - and would ask that this meeting is held in public.

Your email raises several other points. Some of which require a response.

- OPC agreed that any revised proposal will require a full public consultation. We agreed that this is something that OPC will need to establish a robust and inclusive plan to ensure that every household is made aware of your new proposal. This does not mean you do not have a role to play in ensuring the whole community will have this visibility. We appreciate that you ran an engagement exercise / exhibition for the current vision that provided some feedback, however this was not extensively publicised. A new opportunity for the whole community to see and question the revised plans should be offered and fully publicised.

- Your points regarding the land are noted. However the public perception you outline is further case for the importance that the public are better engaged, specifically in terms of how you plan to address their feedback, concerns and perceptions of the land. Please remember that this land was referenced by English Heritage as having "strong local impact and high historic significance" and is of course in a conservation area.

- Your concerns regarding the Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan outlining an approach to reject all future development within the Deer Park are noted. As you heard this was well debated and in light of your formal confirmation that a revised plan will be presented, that intends to answer our communities feedback and concerns, OPC wants to ensure that the public have the chance to see this new proposal before a policy is made to resist it. We will provide you with a copy of the feedback generated. However in terms of your comment, there is no "allegedly" as the results have been published on the Neighbourhood Plan site that shows exact numbers. For any new proposal to be seen as acceptable by the community, there can be no doubt that significant enhancements to the Deer Park proposal are required.

- Your concerns regarding an agenda being pursued against the Deer Park within the Neighbourhood Plan team are also noted. I would however respond by saying that the Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan has strongly confirmed that this is not the case. The Neighbourhood Plan operates under the umbrella of OPC and within strict Terms Of Reference that follow the same standards as the Parish Council.

Regards



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