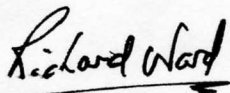


The Society favours an approach where the local communities are asked what they would wish to see with regard to future development, if any, before any plans are prepared. This ensures the local community is involved in the process and not just consulted. Such an approach is strongly advocated by Government in PPS1. The current proposals do not in the Society's opinion reflect the aspirations of the local communities and is contrary to PPS7.

It is important that the local communities and the Society feel that the District Council will do nothing to actively encourage this development proposal until the site future can be determined through the LDF process involving and taking account of the local communities' views. In this respect, the Society seeks clarification on this development proposal and a statement from the Council on its involvement, role and initial informal views on the Watermark development proposal.

The Society has a meeting of its Executive Committee on the 31st March when this proposal is on the agenda. A reply before that meeting would be much appreciated and would enable me to report the District Councils' response.

Yours sincerely



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