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Mr
Sent via email to @btinternet.com

Dear ,

Freedom of Information Request

I write in response to your Freedom of Information request dated 14th March 2023, as detailed below. I have included your email below for ease of providing responses.

To: The Clerk

From the parish council meeting of the 6 Feb 2023 regarding Planning for Hessel common it stated in the minutes item 18

Resolved: 1) That the statement below as amended is approved "Ackworth Parish Council is opposed to any plans to build houses on greenbelt land and to any plans to build a road that encroaches on Hessel and on Brackenhill Common. We are opposed to any local development that will result in a significant increase in traffic movement through Ackworth" C18.1. That the statement is uploaded to the parish council website and forwarded to WMDC. C18.2. All Councillors agreed that anything that had previously been submitted by the Parish Council that was in conflict to this statement would be reviewed and withdrawn if necessary.

Under the Freedom of Information can I request if this has been actioned as I cannot find the above mentioned letter on the Parish web site? Can I have a copy of the letter sent to WMDC for my file

If it has not been actioned when will it be?

Plus when will the Parish be retracting their letter of 23rd Dec 2020 where they express support for the link road and requesting amendments to allow traffic access to the village In support of the link road as this will still be on file at WMDC reflecting their views in favour?

Yours

In relation to item 18.1, please see enclosed documents which include a screenshot from our website and an email sent to WMDC.

In relation to item 18.2, after reviewing subsequent agendas post February meeting, my conclusion is that the review by Councillors has not yet been completed and therefore I can confirm that I will add this item to a future meeting by March 2024.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner by phone: 0303 123 1113 or website <https://ico.org.uk/>

There is no charge for making this request.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jemma Nolan', written in a cursive style.

Jemma Nolan
Clerk to the Council

Admin | Ackworth Parish Council

From: Admin | Ackworth Parish Council
Sent: 10 March 2023 11:07
To: Customer Services
Subject: Statement from Ackworth Parish Council

Dear Customer Services

At a recent meeting of Ackworth Parish Council, the statement below was agreed. It was further agreed that a copy of this statement is sent to Wakefield Council.

“Ackworth Parish Council is opposed to any plans to build houses on greenbelt land and to any plans to build a road that encroaches on Hessle and on Brackenhill Common. We are opposed to any local development that will result in a significant increase in traffic movement through Ackworth.”

Please could this be passed onto Planning for the record.

Regards
Kyla

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Planning

All decisions on planning matters are made by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) Wakefield MDC.

As a statutory consultee the Ackworth Parish Council work to reflect the priorities and values shared by the community in influencing planning decisions to benefit the community. Ackworth Parish Council has no direct power to approve or refuse planning applications. The Parish Council are able to object to applications and ask questions of the LPA.

All planning matters are presented to the Parish Council at its monthly meeting and disclosed to the public, and any agreed action will be followed up. Government planning regulations required Local Authorities to identify Local Service Centres. The Regional Spatial Strategy defines Local Service Centres as "towns and villages that provide services that meet the needs of, and are accessible to people living in surrounding rural areas". Ackworth Moor Top matched this description and so was designated a Local Service Centre in the 2007 Local Development Framework. This designation is to meet the requirement of government planning guidelines. Ackworth is still a village.

If you wish to make a comment about any current application, please do so online at www.wakefield.gov.uk/planning or write to Planning Services, Wakefield One, PO Box 700, Burton Street, Wakefield, WF1 2EB.

At its meeting in February 2023, the Parish Council approved the following proposal:

"Ackworth Parish Council is opposed to any plans to build houses on greenbelt land and to any plans to build a road that encroaches on Hessle and on Brackenhill Common. We are opposed to any local development that will result in a significant increase in traffic movement through Ackworth"