

Appendix D

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL
Mrs. Lyn Summerland

Date 20 June 2013

Dear Mrs Summerland

In reply to the comments you have made to Melton Borough Council with regard to the Ward meeting held at the British Legion on the 25th March, I have a few points to make.

Firstly it was a Craven Ward meeting and not a Melton South meeting, unfortunately the article in the Melton Times was edited by them before it went to print, even though the original message mailed to them clearly stated that it was a Ward meeting and that I would give an update on the Core Strategy during the meeting. The British Legion was chosen because it is in Craven Ward and was available on that evening, also some of the issues I talked about affected the Town Centre residents too. With regard to notice, approximately 1000 letters were delivered to residents of Craven Ward giving them an update on Ward issues and inviting them to attend the meeting, very sorry if you didn't receive one as I was recovering from an operation, so I could not deliver to everyone.

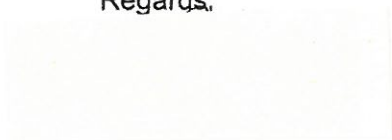
Secondly I have to disagree with your view stating that all the people present were pro footpath, only six were, the rest were from various organisations within the Town, one was in fact a local Councillor, who was there to observe the meeting and whose views on the meeting have since been given to the Council. Accounts from some of the other attendees have also been given to the Council as evidence; another person present was in fact a Ladies Committee member from the Legion itself, so you see not all pro foot path.

As for the comments made by one particular person, I was not aware of that issue beforehand, therefore after the meeting I spoke to the person responsible to ask if they could support, with evidence the allegations made, they said that they could. I believe that issue is for other parties to resolve as the allegations made were quite serious and I am sure that it will be investigated accordingly in the future by the necessary authority. As for my morals, well I simply seek the truth, supported by facts before taking action and making my opinions public, I am happy that I have done that with regard to the footpath. Over the weeks I have received a large number of phone calls and e-mails from local residents calling for the footpath to be re-opened, with very few against, as a result I am happy to support the majority viewpoint. A Councillor is entitled to support a cause that he/she feels is just, of course individuals are entitled to their views to and I accept not everyone may share my view point at all times, but I will still listen and explain my reasons to them if they contact me.

As you rightly say, everyone is now entitled to give their views to County Hall in respect of the footpath being re-opened and I am sure that they will, you could of course have

contacted me personally and I would have been happy to have answered the points that you raised.

Regards,



Gary Bush