

STONE TOWN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

REPRESENTATION FROM MRS CRACKE – 17 JULY 2019

Sent: 17 July 2019 12:02

To: Alex Yendole

Subject: RE: Stone Neighbourhood Plan

Further to my original representation regarding the designation of LGS47, I wish for the following new information to be taken into consideration: On 24th May 2019 Mr Andy Osgathorpe knocked at our door. Mr Osgathorpe is a former Town Councillor and remains on the Town Council's Neighbourhood Planning Group. He was visiting regarding the designation of part of our land as Local Green Space in the Stone Neighbourhood Plan, and we confirmed that we owned the land and that we'd made an initial representation against it's designation as part of the consultation which ended in December 2018. Mr Osgathorpe stated that he'd been the one to put forward the designation but that, as he now realised it was privately owned and, in effect, an extension of our garden, he stated that he believed he'd made an error and that he'd recommend the designation was withdrawn. He also stated that he hadn't knocked on the doors of the adjoining properties or sent any letters to try to establish ownership and to inform us of the proposed designation.

On 15.07.19, following updates to the documentation published on Stafford Borough Council's website regarding the Stone Neighbourhood Plan, including a statement from the Town Council claiming that "Every reasonable effort was made to contact the owners. Given covenants can be removed LGS designation would afford greater protection", I contacted Mr Osgathorpe by phone. He again confirmed that he now believed he'd made an error in this designation, and reiterated in a subsequent email dated 16.07.19 "Once Stone TC receives the examiners comments then I would expect further representations to be made on the whole Neighbourhood Plan and it is at this stage I shall be making representations to with draw LGS47 from designation". Mr Osgathorpe has confirmed that he is happy to be quoted in any further representation that we make."

Many thanks