

Mr Derek Adams
Chair of College Residents' Association
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Please quote: PROP-GEN/140/AAP/HB

Dear Mr Adams

Re: Beech Grove, Trowbridge - Village Green Application

You will be aware that the residents have submitted an application to the County Council for the land at Beech Grove to be registered as a Village Green.

The Council has acted, and is acting, in good faith and would like to assist the residents establish a community garden at an alternative site. There is a clear mandate from the Council's Cabinet to provide an alternative site for the community garden and to contribute a substantial sum to achieve this.

The Council will fully and vigorously oppose the village green application, but accepts it is possible that it may be successful. Should this happen the residents could potentially obtain two sites and a grant of £10,000. It is also likely that the Council will incur substantial expenditure opposing the application. Clearly this is not an acceptable position for the Council.

The implications of the application mean that any offer of an alternative site for use as a community garden is subject to:

1. residents writing to the County Council and withdrawing the application for the registration of the land at Beech Grove as a Village Green; and
2. the lease of the alternative site including a clause allowing the lease to be terminated if any subsequent application for the land at Beech Grove to be registered as a Village Green is successful.

Although consultation with residents about alternative sites will continue, we will be unable to proceed with formalising any offer until the Council is informed whether the residents will accept the offer of an alternative site and withdraw the application.

I shall be grateful if you will let me know whether residents accept the offer of the alternative site and will withdraw the application.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Follows', with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Follows

Property and Commercial Services Manager