Dronfield Town Council

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To: The Chairman and Members of Dronfield Town Council

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend the meeting of Dronfield Town Council to be held on

MONDAY 3rd APRIL 2017 AT 7.30pm IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HALL, DRONFIELD

Yours sincerely

Andrew Tristram

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Town Clerk

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AGENDA

1. Apologies

To receive apologies and reasons for absence from the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

To enable Members to declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they have in subsequent agenda items, in accordance with the Parish Council's Code of Conduct. Interests that become apparent at a later stage in the proceedings may be declared at that time.

To receive and approve request for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.

3. Public Speaking

3.1 Planning Matters

An opportunity for members of the public to raise any planning matter that members may be considering at the planning item of the following agenda.

3.2 General Matters

A fifteen-minute session when members of the public and local residents can raise issues affecting the town. Any issues raised may be noted and a request by members for that matter to be placed on a future agenda for discussion and debate.

3.3 Police Matters

If the Police Liaison Officer is in attendance they will be given the opportunity to raise any relevant matters.

4. Council Minutes

To receive and consider adopting as a true and accurate record, the draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 6th March 2017 (Pages 96-108)

5. Planning Matters

5.1 Planning Applications (Appendix 1)

To consider the attached schedule of planning applications submitted by North East Derbyshire District Council for comment and discussion. Further details of any application can be found at: http://planapps-online.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/online-applications/ And then by inputting the application reference number.

5.2 Planning Decisions (Appendix 2)

To receive the attached schedule of planning decisions submitted by North East Derbyshire District Council for information.

6. Youth Matters

To consider any items raised by Councillors concerning Youth Matters.

7. Outside Services Report (Appendix 3)

To consider the written report submitted by the Outside Services Foreman

8. Meeting Reports (Appendix 4)

To receive the meeting reports on various matters:-

8.1 Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group meeting held on 15 March 2017

9. Motion

That the Council write to write to NEDDC to express concerns about the Local Plan consultation process on behalf of Dronfield residents. We believe a period of 6 weeks is not an adequate length of time to enable residents to comment on a very long document (270 pages).

The plan is not easily accessible to residents. It is only available on-line with few hard copies available.

The only public consultation held in Dronfield was very busy and could not accommodate with the many residents who attended. Many were not able to speak to planners.

The Council ask that the consultation is extended and further drop in session organised.

Proposed by Alex Dale, Seconded by Mark Foster

10. Motion

That the Council write to North East Derbyshire District Council to object to the Draft Local plan proposed on the following grounds:

- a) the Council oppose the NEDDC draft local plan to remove green belt from Dronfield to build new housing which will reduce the green spaces separating our town from its neighbouring settlements and so threaten the future distinct identity of Dronfield.
- b) The new housing targets set by NEDDC are too high and based on unrealistic assumptions on growth and jobs
- c) All suitable brownfield sites in Dronfield have not been exhaustively researched but considered together with windfall housing sites, offer realistic housing targets based on historic data and a natural sustainable rate of growth
- d) The infrastructure in Dronfield is already under stress and could not accommodate the level of housing proposed.
- e) The increase in road traffic, including an increase in heavy goods vehicles, pollution and the loss of greenfield and recreation sites will threaten the quality of life of existing and future residents.

Proposed by Councillor Angelique Foster. Seconded by Councillor Richard Welton.

11. Motion - Alma Site

That Dronfield Town Council reopens negotiations with Rykneld Homes regarding the scheme agreed in principle during the previous administration (Dronfield Town Council 2011-2015) to utilise the 'Alma site' for Housing including the provision of up to forty units for rent guaranteed for people with Dronfield Connections and that this plot of land is submitted to North East Derbyshire District Council to be designated as Housing land as part of the consultations on their Local Plan Review.

Proposed by Councillor Christine Smith. Seconded by Councillor Graham Baxter MBE.

12. Response to Consultation Draft Local Plan (to follow)

To consider a formal response to the Consultation draft Local Plan

13. Town Clerk's Report (Appendix 5)

To consider the written report submitted by the Town Clerk

14. Financial Report (Appendix 6)

- 14.1 Schedule of Payments for February 2017
- 14.2 Schedule of Receipts for February 2017
- 14.3 Bank Reconciliation at 28th February 2017
- 14.4 Income and Expenditure to 28th February 2017

15. Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

Council to note the following Circulars received from DALC (circulated):-

Circular 04/2017

DALC Spring Seminar - Local Council Award Scheme – awards in Derbyshire Section 137 increase for 2017/18 - Proposals to extend the remit of the Local Government Ombudsman to local (parish and town) councils - Neighbourhood Planning Bill update Increases to Statutory Redundancy Pay and Unfair Dismissal Compensation Discounted copies of Arnold-Baker on Local Council Administration, Tenth Edition by Paul Clayden - Legal Topic Note updates – LTN 5 and LTN80

16. Exclusion of the Press And The Public

To move the following resolution – That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest, that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.