

5<sup>th</sup> August, 2016

Dear Mr Fox,

I hope this note will clarify the position of Stone Town Council in relation to the Stone Neighbourhood Plan.

The Stone Neighbourhood Plan has been drafted by a local forum comprising elected Councillors of both parties and nominated members of the public. The forum has met regularly over a period of months and has been guided in the development of the Plan by Urban Vision, a planning consultancy specialised in the formation of such plans.

During the drafting of the Plan there have been several opportunities to consult with Stone residents both during evening events held at different locations within the Town - and during a very well attended 'Town Centre' walk that included a visit to Westbridge Park. These are documented in the Plan.

The draft Plan was approved by the forum on June 16<sup>th</sup> 2016 and submitted to SBC on July 19<sup>th</sup> 2016. It is in the possession of Stafford Borough Council officer Mr Yendole, who has been informed that Neighbourhood Planning regulation 14 will be put into place in September 2016. Mr Yendole has agreed to a meeting with Stone Town Council in August, this delay we understand due to his work load but hope that this meeting will proceed as scheduled.

As a matter of fact, the draft Neighbourhood Plan, agreed by all members of the forum (Councillors and co-opted members of the public) calls for the entirety of Westbridge Park to be designated as Local Green Space.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Jill Hood  
Chair - Neighbourhood Planning Forum  
On behalf of Stone Town Council