

Matter 1 - Legal Compliance and Duty to Cooperate – Matter 1

Question 6

The Plan has not met WDC's own Statement of Community Involvement.

- A petition organised by the Risborough Area Residents Association (RARA) and signed by over half the residents in the town was completely ignored and no action taken. Similarly with other petitions delivered to WDC specifically regarding the road proposal.
- The Princes Risborough Steering Group, much referred to by WDC, is widely recognised by everyone – except those with close connections to WDC, as a sham. A number of members past and present have voiced their concern.
- Detailed proposals for a relief road across the AONB and Green Belt land in front of my house, showing my driveway completely closed off, was circulated within the local community by WDC in September 2016. I was not alerted to this, consulted, or provided with a copy of the drawings that were being circulated. I had to go searching for this information having heard about it through the local 'grape vine'.

I feel the legal duty to engage with the community has fallen well below what it should have been. I am hopeful however that the views of the community will be taken on board by the Planning Inspectorate.

Suggestions:

When the Plan has been reviewed by the Planning Inspector and areas for change identified that more reflect the NPPF I believe it should come back out to the public for proper consultation.