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Subject: RE: How to make a representation to the Local Plan Part 2

Dear Peter,

RE: Local Plan 2 Representations

Nice to see you today.

Thank you for your email below.

As per our discussion at the NCA Meeting, I would like to make the following representations on behalf of the NCA and in my capacity as a Borough Councillor.

The main concern is to add to the Local Plan the need for cemeteries and in particular the expansion of Towcester Road Cemetery to incorporate the Allotments as previously pledged and in order to cater for both the Muslim and wider community. This was at a previous NCA meeting as per the minutes discussed today.

This was already pledged and is in accordance with the cemetery scrutiny panel as chaired by Cllr Seargent only a few month ago. The Report made it clear spaces were running out and I would like to confirm that the Muslim population has grown considerably and the current death rate is for 1st and 2nd generation Muslims. Of course the 3rd generation have been born here and are higher in number with little attachment to their parents native countries and very unlikely to bury abroad. The numbers can only increase.

The Local Plan needs to make suitable provision for new cemeteries as the Report highlights spaces are running out. The Muslim community in particular are very worried by this and no doubt the wider public share the same concerns.

I also believe the Local Plan needs to plan for the provision of both religious buildings and social spaces.

In particular I am concerned that some areas will have no faith buildings available to accommodate for the different religions there in. For example I am aware the Muslim community of Kingsthorpe are trying to find a suitable place for a Mosque and Islamic Community Centre but cannot find suitable locations. The Local Plan needs to take this into account as in the past Muslims lived in the town centre and now have spread across town.

Furthermore, social spaces are fast disappearing and new developments must provide playing fields, community centres and other recreational facilities. Again I am aware of a local football team looking for a venue to use and have been unable to secure the same.

Furthermore there is always the concern for lack of schools and doctor surgeries and we need to preserve the need for these.

I will take the time to consider the document further but ask my above interims comments are noted at this stage.

The Plan is very important as it will dictate how the town evolves for decades to come!

I look forward to hearing from.

Kind Regards

Cllr Enam Haque