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Cllr. Matthew Bayliss
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Dear Matthew,

OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING 15TH JULY 2015 - ALLOTMENTS

Can I thank you again for taking the time to meet me at the Hawthorn Allotment Site at the start of the month, to talk about areas of mutual concerns.

May I also express my gratitude for any influence you may have used to facilitate the positive meeting between representatives of the Alton Allotment Association and Officers of the Town Council the following day.

During that meeting we discussed items of principle concern to our Association - Routine grass & hedge cutting maintenance; Harmonisation of collection of plot rents / Association fees / dates, & sharing of information; and Establishing regular meeting between Councillor & Association representatives. A copy of my last letter to you dated 1 July, highlighting further points, was also circulated to those attending.

We note that at your Open Spaces Committee meeting tomorrow (15th), you will be considering an "Allotment Update" report from your Admin Officer, summarising the outcome of our meeting, and that your Committee will be invited therefore, to "consider the appointment of an Allotment Advisory Sub Committee".

At the beginning of your meeting, you will peruse the minutes of your previous committee meeting (3rd June 2015). I would like to draw your attention to the following item:-

"042 Car Park Facilities at Hawthorn Allotment Site".

In those minutes, you acknowledge that the problem with the car parking facilities at the site have been "on-going since 2012 but due to budget restraints each year had been deferred". After a discussion, your committee "RESOLVED to defer a decision on car park facilities at Hawthorn Allotment Site." While it is unfortunate that remedial action has been delayed again,

we would not wish a similar delay to hinder the formation of the Allotment Advisory Sub Committee.

Can I have your assurance that your committee will resolve to establish an Allotment Advisory Sub Committee at tomorrows meeting, and that this recommendation will be submitted to Full Council for their approval at their meeting on 30th July, if necessary.

Thanking you in anticipation for your kind consideration.

Yours sincerely

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Chairman
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Cc - Mrs Pat Harris, Interim Town Clerk, Alton Town Council (via email)