Waterbeach Parish Council

From:

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Sent:

14 November 2017 10:40

To:

Waterbeach Parish Council

Cc:

Chris Flood; Chris Rushmer; Daniel Edwards; Gary Langley; Mark Brett; Tom Buckler

Subject:

Cam Locks Open Space

FOR THE ATTENTION OF MICHAEL WILLIAMSON

Dear Michael

Re: CAM LOCKS OPEN SPACE

Further to the discussion at last week's WPC meeting, we understand that this item has now been referred to the Planning Committee with a remit to develop a council policy for the ownership and/or purchase of land by WPC.

At the meeting you suggested that WPC write to Morris Homes to establish whether, subject to contract, they would be prepared to transfer the freehold of our common areas to WPC for a nominal consideration, but this was not specifically agreed or voted on by councillors in the light of the above decision.

We are wondering if the Council would agree that it might be a good idea for Cam Locks Management Company Limited to NOW write to Morris Homes ourselves with a similar request - perhaps they would be more inclined to agree a transfer of the freehold to us for a nominal consideration as they should be well aware that we do not have funds for a purchase. We cannot see that Morris Homes have any residual potential interest in the land, now that all the dwellings have been sold. We could subsequently transfer all or part of the land to WPC for, say, £1.00. We make this suggestion in the light of Morris Homes asking WPC for a considerable sum for transferring the relatively small amount of freehold open space on the Haddon Park development (which, of course, was very narrowly rejected by the Council in March 2016).

I look forward to hearing from you shortly with your further views on the situation.

Yours sincerely - John Darlington (Chair, Cam Locks Management Company Limited)