



# Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Parish Council

## Northamptonshire

### Neighbourhood Development Plan



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Dear Michael,

Thank you for your further note on the Neighbourhood Plan, expressing your concerns that my previous response did not address your question of compulsory purchase. I have re-read your original letter and as far as I can see, the issue of compulsory purchase was not explicitly covered in it, nor did we discuss this in our meeting. Hence, I did not address it in my response.

I can assure you that **no** discussions have taken place in the Council on the compulsory purchase of your land or of any other property. The use of the words “**powers to acquire**” in the consultation document may be the source of confusion here. They are used in the sense that the Parish Council is legally permitted to own land for the purposes of creating a burial ground. This is one of the responsibilities of the Parish Council, and the use of the precept to fund this is permitted by statute. The process by which such land might be acquired **if** this were to become the policy, is a completely separate matter and has not been considered at this stage. As you said in your last letter, “consultation with the ‘then’ owner . . .” would be the sensible approach.

In your original response you expressed some clear views on the Policy CEM and concerns that it would affect your property. You also suggested what you wanted to see in the next version. As we discussed, and as I said in my letter, your points were reasonable and well made, and I saw no reason why they shouldn't be adopted after further discussion. Your views will therefore be fully reflected in the published consultation comments.

You said at our last meeting that you don't want your letters published in full and so I proposed that I assist you in pulling together a form of words for your formal response. I emphasised that you would have the final say over what formal response is included in the document. My understanding was that this was an acceptable approach for you. I would be equally happy that you come to other arrangements to provide the comments which you would be happy to see published in the consultation document.

Once we have your formal comments, the Parish Council will be in a position to consider these alongside all other comments. The Council will then prepare a formal response which you will see before that response is published.

I must re-emphasise that this is a consultation document and that your input will be taken into account before the formal pre-examination version of the document is prepared. You will have the opportunity to see the proposed text of the next version before it is published for formal consultation.

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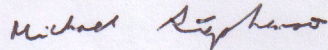
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15 August 2014

EXTENSION OF THE CHURCHYARD FOR USE AS A CEMETERY

Further to your visit and reply to my letter dated 11 August.

My concern remains that you have not fully answered my question concerning the possible compulsory purchase of my land or any part of it. I need your assurance that it would not be the Parish Councils intention to try to obtain my land through a compulsory order. Your previous reply falls short in this respect.



Michael Stephenson