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Subject: Neighbourhood Plan - Position Statement

Dear Parish Councillors,

As you know the Blaxhall Commons and Open Spaces Trust has been in discussion with the Parish Council (PC) and others about a Neighbourhood Plan for Blaxhall. Whilst it appears that there is a good body of support for this in the village, we realise that it cannot happen without the PC taking the lead. At the Annual Parish Meeting on 25th April, Ray Herring recommended a scoping exercise, and the Trust offered to take this forward.

However, we understand that following the PC meeting on May 2nd, the PC remains of the view that even if there was a positive outcome from any scoping exercise, it (the PC) does not currently have the resources to take a Neighbourhood Plan forward. In the circumstances, there seems little point in the Trust embarking on such an exercise. We continue to believe that a Neighbourhood Plan would be of great benefit to the village, and would be happy to contribute to a scoping exercise (and, should the Neighbourhood Plan proceed, the formation of a working party), if and when the Parish Council's position on this matter changes.

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Blaxhall Commons and Open Spaces Trust

On behalf of the Trustees