

Dear Somerset Council Planning Department,

**Re: Recommendations for Clarification Regarding Planning Application
42/25/0020 (Wild Oak Lane, Trull)**

I am writing on behalf of Trull Parish Council to offer further context regarding the Somerset Council report for the planning application at Land off Wild Oak Lane. We were somewhat disappointed that the official version of events had not been noted by the Planning Department and we would like to ensure, in this case and future applications, that official records accurately reflect the Parish Council's role and the legal framework guiding our actions.

While we understand the importance of including local representation, we would like acknowledgement of the following position to ensure the Parish Council is not misrepresented:

- **Clarifying the Purpose of the Proposed Trust:** We would like to clarify that the Parish Council's engagement regarding a Trust for Trull Meadow was a proactive step intended to secure long-term protection for the land via a Section 106 Agreement. Discussions were guided by professional legal advice, which dictated the appropriate forums for discussing specific legal matters.
- **Context for the Council's Abstention:** Regarding the Parish Council's decision to abstain from the planning application vote, we recommend noting that this was a strategic decision made on legal advice. This was done specifically to avoid any perceived conflict of interest due to our involvement in the Trust negotiations, rather than a lack of engagement.
- **Use of Official Documentation:** We suggest that future deliberations rely on the Parish Council's official reporting and statutory consultee submissions. This will help distinguish between subjective public speculation regarding the Council's resources and the Parish's actual official standing and capabilities.

We value our relationship with Somerset Council and believe that incorporating these clarifications on the Planning Portal will result in a more accurate and professional record for all parties involved.

Yours sincerely,

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Clerk, Trull Parish Council