

Hawkesbury Parish Council



23rd December 2020

Dear Mr Bennett

Re Housing Needs Survey

On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to express my disappointment with the way your company has handled the situation in respect of organising a housing needs survey to be distributed. With absolutely no communication from yourselves prior to your actions resulted in Councillors not being prepared for questions. As you may be aware there is a protocol in place and RCA Regeneration Ltd has taken no notice which is very underhand and unprofessional.

The survey gives residents the impression this has been approved by the Parish Council as it has been headed **Hawkesbury Parish**. As a result, this has caused a huge disturbance within the Parish and unprecedented number of both calls and emails from Parishioners causing additional work for both Councillors and Clerk prior to Christmas. Transparency is key and an important part of our way of life together with communication especially if it is going to affect all residents. Your company has failed on both levels.

We would point out that a major development in the village has received planning consent but not yet commenced, so any information from the survey will exclude these homes which are planned to include 7 affordable dwellings.

In addition, the Parish Council was appalled that you only made contact to the Clerk yesterday explaining you have been trying to find an email, our details are available on both Hawkesbury Parish Council, South Gloucestershire website and the internet, therefore I do not accept any effort was made to locate our contact details prior to organising the survey. This again is unprofessional. We will be promoting on both our website and other social platforms that this has not been approved by the Parish Council or South Gloucestershire Council and therefore would not be supporting the survey.

Yours sincerely

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