

LETTER TO EDITOR

15 December 2014 for immediate use

Dear Sir

Recently there have been many inaccurate and disturbing comments made about the actions of the Hitchin Cow Commoners Trust and also offensive comments made about individual Trustees.

As we write, no planning applications have been submitted by New Road (Clifton) Ltd. for development of either Top Field or the Stevenage Road site.

For people that disagree with the proposals, it is important that their views are made known to those who will be involved in the planning process. Likewise, if anyone believes that it is really good that Hitchin will have a new community sports facility with access for all the inhabitants of Hitchin, and a new home for Hitchin Town Football Club, then they should make their views known to the planning authority just as strongly.

However, as the individual Trustees of Hitchin Cow Commoners Trust have not made public their own personal views about the project, it is not only unfair, but also inaccurate to make personal statements about them. It is the Trust which has made decisions and taken action, and the decisions of the Trust are guided by Charity Law and the aims of the Trust.

Please do continue the debate about the future of Top Field, about the project put forward by New Road (Clifton) Ltd and about the future of Hitchin Town Football Club but please do it with full reflection of the facts.

Yours sincerely

The Trustees of Hitchin Cow Commoners Trust