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Dear Rosemary

**Parochial Church Council response to the Neighbourhood Plan**

The PCC discussed the Neighbourhood Plan at its meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015. It was agreed that the following representation regarding the Plan should be made to the Parish Council.

- 1) Re-siting the Rectory away from the village centre: The PCC does not support the idea of moving the Rectory from its current location. At present, it is easily accessible by all members of the community. With particular consideration to those with mobility and transport limitations, a move further away from the centre would be problematic. The Church is very much part of Parish, and given its location at the edge of the village, we feel it is important to have a central point of contact within the village, as is currently provided by the Rectory.
- 2) Graveyard: The PCC supports the graveyard expansion proposal, given the constraints on the current space. We feel that consideration may need to be given to access to the proposed site – in particular safe crossing of the main road for funerals.
- 3) Rectory Garden: we suggest that perhaps a portion of the Rectory garden could be made available to the Half Moon pub, to provide some much needed outside space, and perhaps support its viability as a going concern in the village.

Yours sincerely

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