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Dear Councillors and Ms Mills

Some time ago a meeting was requested by Milton Keynes Council and held with Lizzie Bailes (Monday 22 June 2015) as an introduction to regeneration. Most of the Parish Council attended. We were advised that the main driver for the regeneration of Kingsfold, Harrowden and Crispin within this Parish, was the inordinately high maintenance cost for these houses. She referred to a figure of £70,000 per house per year. She could not tell us where this figure came from. Since this figure seemed wrong to us, we have pursued a line of enquiry to find the source. Disappointingly we were advised by Heather Baker to pursue this through a freedom of information request.

We did this and attached for your information is the response from the Housing Maintenance group. It would appear we have been misled.

I have a number of questions arising from this that I feel the Parishioners are entitled to crystal clear answers.

1. Where has this figure of £70,000 come from? It was stressed by Ms Bailes that it was this factor that drew these properties into the Regeneration focus. Bearing in mind more properties are owner occupied than Council tenants, the basis of the information is important.
2. In the Regeneration meetings, have parishioners been advised of this maintenance figure at any time either in writing or verbally?
3. Councillor Marland, alongside Councillor Legg, at the MKALC AGM in 2014, stated that Parish Councillors/Councils would be accorded the same level of service by Council staff that is given to Ward Councillors. Why then, were we not provided the information we requested but directed to seek a freedom of information request? Presumably a Ward Councillor would also be asked to do this? Why?

I would like a formal reply to the questions as soon as possible.

Yours Sincerely

Graham A Davison
Chairman

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