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Dear Hilary.

Re: DAPTC Motions To 16 January 2018 NALC Policy Committee Session

I am writing regarding the motions submitted by DAPTC for consideration by the NALC Policy Committee at its session on 16 January 2018.

Firstly may I take this opportunity to thank you for contributing to our national policy work by putting forward motions for consideration on issues affecting local councils in Dorset.

Your input to our policy making and determination is essential in ensuring we are in touch with, and taking a view and action on, the big issues facing our councils.

As you know we launched our manifesto in the Autumn which sets out our campaigning priorities and in which we call for stronger local democracy, flexible and diverse funding and more powers. These policy measures are underpinned by other issues raised with the Policy Committee which we build into our campaigning work.

The first motion you submitted for consideration is set out below:

“Beaminster Town Council would propose the DAPTC lobby NALC with a view to achieving a change in the legislation governing the de-registration of bus routes.”

The Committee considered this motion but did not adopt as it was unclear the difference 6 weeks' additional consultation time would make. However NALC will raise the problem of lack of consultation time with the LGA.

The second motion you submitted for consideration is set out below:

“Hurn Parish Council ask that the DAPTC take the issue forward to NALC to ask for a change to the law to make parish councils statutory consultees on tree applications in their parishes.

The Committee considered this motion and adopted it, but there is an issue with designation (planning guidance could be amended for instance).

The third motion your association submitted for consideration was:

“That DAPTC requests NALC to lobby for Central Government action to ensure that when a town or parish council objects to a planning application for legitimate planning reasons, it should be considered by the planning authority’s planning committee.”

The Committee considered this motion but did not adopt - though the LGA will be contacted to highlight this problem – citing that calling the ward member in is often the best solution.

Yours sincerely,



Councillor Rodney Jackson
Policy Committee Chairman
NALC