

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CODE OF CONDUCT

Localism Act 2011
Tewkesbury Borough Council Local Arrangements

APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION

Name:	Councillor Melanie Gore
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Matter to be considered

Pre-submission version of the Tewkesbury Borough Plan 2011-2031 – In particular RES4 New Housing at Other Rural Settlements

Nature of Interest

My parents have a farm in Alstone, GL20 8JD and I own a small parcel of land which forms part of the farm, along with my brother and sister on the edge of Alstone. The land is included in my registration of members interests that is held by Tewkesbury Borough Council

Under RES4 New Housing at Other Rural Settlements in the proposed Preferred Options Consultation Tewkesbury Borough Plan 2011-2031 – Alstone could potentially be classed as one of the 'other rural settlements' under this policy.

**Date upon which consideration of matter will take place
(i.e. date of the meeting if known)**

30 July 2019

Reasons for application (please give detailed information and reasons as to why you believe dispensation should be granted in respect of your interest for which dispensation is sought)

The land in question is on the edge of Alstone and amounts to a total of 1 acre, my ownership is 1/3rd of this.

RES4 in the pre-submission version covers all rural settlements, except for those located in the green belt, that are not featured within the settlement hierarchy within the draft plan. I believe, therefore that there are approximately 50 rural settlements throughout the borough where RES4 could possibly apply. My parcel of 1/3rd of an acre therefore represents a very tiny part of the total amount of land throughout the borough in and around rural settlements to which RES4 could apply, and just one policy of a significant plan which proposes substantial housing and employment land allocations in which I have no Code of Conduct interest. Therefore, I believe that my interest in this parcel of land does not outweigh my responsibility to represent the interests of my electorate and the Borough as a whole in the Tewkesbury Borough Plan. I therefore respectfully request that dispensation is given to me to speak and vote in respect of the Tewkesbury Borough Plan coming to full council on 30 July 2019.

Signed:  Dated: 18/7/19

Circumstances in which dispensations may be granted

On the 26 June 2012 the Council delegated authority to the Monitoring Officer to determine applications for dispensations in circumstances where (a) or (b) apply. All other applications for dispensations must be referred to the Standards Committee for determination.

- (1) Application for dispensation must be in writing.
- (2) Dispensation may be granted only if, after having had regard to all relevant circumstances, it is considered that:-
 - (a) without the dispensation the number of persons prohibited from participating in any particular business would be so great a proportion of the body transacting the business as to impede the transaction of the business,
 - (b) without the dispensation the representation of different political groups on the body transacting any particular business would be so upset as to alter the likely outcome of any vote relating to the business,
 - (c) granting the dispensation is in the interests of persons living in the authority's area,
 - (d) it is otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation.
- (3) A dispensation must specify the period for which it has effect, and the period specified may not exceed four years.

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APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION

Name:	Councillor ROBERT BIRD
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Matter to be considered

Consideration of Tewkesbury Borough Plan

Nature of Interest

Appendix B (Other Interest) - Gloucestershire County Councillor

Date upon which consideration of matter will take place
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30 July 2019

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The Tewkesbury Borough Plan will help shape the future of the Borough including making provision for housing and employment land. The proposals within the Plan affect everyone that lives and works in the Borough and I have been elected to represent the interests of both my own Ward and the Borough as a whole. It is of vital importance that as a local Member I am able to participate fully in the decision on this document, of which the Gloucestershire County Council land ownership affects only part. Therefore, I am seeking dispensation on the grounds that my

Signed: [redacted] Dated: 16.07.19

participation in the matter at the meeting on 30 July 2019 is in the interests of persons living within Tewkesbury Borough.

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