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8<sup>th</sup> October 2005.

Dear Mr. Bannister,

Re:- Application for Funding

In August 2004 the Hillcrest Residents' Association was formed with an initial membership of about 40 residents. The single aim of this Association at that time was to support local residents in their campaign to prevent what they believed was the inappropriate re-development of land along Sutton Park Road.

After August 2004, the number of interested people increased to about 100, encouraging myself and the Committee to be more proactive and provide a non-political focus for local residents who were seeking information, or requesting advice and support on a variety of issues and concerns.

Since our formation we have held four Public Meetings inviting speakers from the local Police Force and the Worcestershire Highways Agency. In addition we have circulated a quarterly Newsletter to approximately 450 households.

The administrative costs during our first year have been covered by the generosity of some residents, raffles and other donations. However it is apparent that without further additional financial support, we will not be able to continue our neighbourhood support. In May 2005 I applied to Wyre Forest Volunteer Centre for a Community Grant to assist us with some of our administrative costs. Unfortunately to date I have received no response to my application.

Based on our first year's experience, our estimated costs for 2005/2006 is £750 and therefore on behalf of The Hillcrest Residents' Association I am applying for a Pump Priming Grant of £250. This will greatly assist us in our aim to support local residents and also be of benefit to the Community we serve.

I shall be only too pleased to supply any additional information that you require, and I look forward to receiving your reply.

Yours sincerely,

John Nicholls - Chairman