



**TATTENHALL & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL**  
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Cllr Samantha Dixon  
Leader of the Council  
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Dear Cllr Dixon

**Re: Proposal to Withdraw New Homes Bonus**

Tattenhall & District Parish Council wishes to express its profound dismay at the proposal, by the current administration, to withdraw **ALL** of the New Homes Bonus from Parish Council's, thus taking it away from all Tattenhall residents.

New Homes Bonus is the monies granted to all County Councils for every new home built in the Borough and is equivalent to a year's council tax paid by Government for each house.

It is nationally specified that the New Homes Bonus is "to improve the quality of life for the community". Cheshire West and Chester Council already keeps 80% of the money and now, by proposing to take away the 20% bonus that was allocated to the residents of Tattenhall and allocating it to areas outside of the Parish, the whole purpose of the monies and what it was designed for is being ignored.

Tattenhall has been at the forefront of the changes to the Planning system and has endured much stress because of that. The village is also a Key Service Centre and is earmarked for substantial growth so it is galling to discover that it is not even going to be rewarded with any financial gain which would have ensured improvement in local services and the opportunity to provide new facilities for our residents.

The proposal will result in denying the Parish Council the opportunity to provide our every growing parish with facilities which will be required due to the extra demand driven by the new homes being built. Tattenhall & District Parish Council would remind you that the New Homes Bonus was created to ensure that the existing community was not penalised by extra pressure being placed on its services by new developments.

The purpose of allocating some of the New Homes Bonus to the Parish Council was so that it could invest in services for the people directly impacted by the new houses in the Parish. So it seems disgraceful that it is now proposed to take the decision to stop local people, who know the needs of their community, making decisions at a local level to improve their neighbourhood.

You state that the monies will be “targeted to the areas of greatest need”. Tattenhall & District Parish Council would remind you that there is great need in the rural area where services are limited and social isolation is an issue.

Therefore as a Parish Council, in the interests of our community and the people who live in Tattenhall, we demand that you reconsider this grossly unfair proposal.

Yours sincerely

*Jean Dutton*

Clerk to the Council

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