Dear Parish Clerk and Councillors,

I am writing to formally object to the current policy regarding the allocation of in Trawden particularly the practice of offering a garage to the new buyer of a property when the previous owner rented or held the garage, rather than making it available to residents on the waiting list.

Having read the recent council meeting minutes, I understand that concern was raised and that the councillors resolved to re-adopt the existing policy. I am disappointed that the opportunity to reconsider this arrangement appears to have been rejected.

I believe this policy is unfair to local residents who have been waiting for years for the opportunity to obtain a garage. It is difficult to understand why someone buying a property should be given priority simply because they are the new owner, while residents who have registered their interest and patiently waited their turn may continue to be overlooked.

A waiting list should operate fairly and transparently. If residents are expected to wait for years, there should be a clear and reasonable explanation as to why a garage becoming available is not offered to those already waiting.

I would therefore ask the Parish Council to reconsider its position and provide a written response to the following questions:

1. What is the exact policy that allows a garage to be offered to the new buyer of a property rather than to someone on the waiting list?
2. Is this an automatic entitlement for new property buyers, or is it a discretionary decision made by the Parish Council?
3. What is the justification for prioritising new property buyers over residents who may have waited years for a garage?
4. How many residents are currently on the waiting list, and how long have they been waiting?
5. Has the council considered the impact this policy has on residents who have been waiting for a considerable length of time?
6. Will the council reconsider the policy and introduce a fairer system in which available garages are offered to people on the waiting list, using clear and consistent allocation criteria?

I would also like to understand why the council has decided to re-adopt the policy without making changes in response to the concerns raised by residents.

I appreciate that the council has responsibilities regarding the garage sites and the agreements in place with existing garage owners or tenants. However, I believe these arrangements should be reviewed to ensure that the interests of the wider community are treated fairly.

Please treat this email as a formal objection and ensure it is recorded and brought to the attention of the councillors responsible for garage allocation. I would also ask that the matter be considered at a future council meeting and that I receive a written response explaining the council's position.

I look forward to your response.

Kind regards