

## EXCEPTIONAL NEEDS AND WANTS PROCESS

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### Intention

Sometimes a consensus decision is made that impacts individuals very differently. The decision will have been made because it is seen as good for the community as a whole, even if it disadvantages some individuals. If this is not addressed, resentment may build up or they may ignore the decision/policy.

The Exceptional Needs and Wants process enables a member to ask to be considered an exception to a decision. This request will be heard by a small group of people who, after careful consideration, will make a recommendation to the community. If there are no objections within a 3 week period, the recommendation will be considered accepted. If there are objections, the request will need to go to General Meeting of the whole community.

### Process

#### **Step 1**

In order to initiate this process write to the Process Group explaining the impact on you of the original decision, and requesting the exception you wish to be made

#### **Step 2**

The Process Group will convene a group of 3-5 people who will be responsible for considering the request and making a recommendation, published to all members. They will:

- weigh the need of the person making the request against the needs of other members of the group
- weigh the need of the person making the request against the vision and policies currently agreed by the community
- carry out research and/or consultations as needed
- explore any other ways of meeting the need, as well as the one presented by the applicant

#### **Step 3**

After the recommendation has been published, there will be a 3 week period for other members to raise any objections and/or requests to revise the decision

#### **Step 4**

- If there are no objections or requests for revision, the recommendation will stand as a decision
- If any objections are made, or revisions requested, the recommendation will go to a General Meeting of the whole community.

**NOTE: Any recommendation made is regarded as an exception and not as a precedent.**