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Our ref: 14-352-NP submission2revised

Dear Hilary

Martlesham Neighbourhood Plan

Martlesham Parish Council is making its second revised formal application for designation of the Martlesham Neighbourhood Plan Boundary.

Martlesham Parish Council is a statutory local council and a relevant body for the purpose of Section 61G of the 1990 Town & Country Planning Act. I confirm that the full Parish Council has approved the undertaking of a Neighbourhood Plan and allocated a budget of £10k from its own funds.

In line with government legislation and guidance we are applying for the Neighbourhood Plan boundary to match our parish boundary. A map is enclosed identifying the area to which the application relates. According to government guidelines, the parish council is the only body capable of preparing a plan for land within its area; if any land is left out there is no opportunity in the future for a neighbourhood plan to be prepared for that area, unless the designated area were amended (by application) to include the omitted area.

We have already held public events and have recently carried out a survey of all the residents within the Parish for their ideas for plan content and received a good response of 37% returns.

Our neighbouring parishes of Brightwell, Waldringfield and Woodbridge have been informed of our submission. To date we have received an acknowledgement from Waldringfield and Woodbridge, with no comments or objections.

We recognise the land to the south of the Parish is currently covered by Local Plan policy SP20, which sets out proposals for strategic housing and employment growth in a wider district context. Therefore it is anticipated that this area will not feature in our final Neighbourhood Plan in terms of policies other than those that are concerned with the necessary seamless integration of networks such as walking and cycling routes. The Parish Council's aim is to work to secure maximum benefit and quality of life for existing and future residents and it will work with the District Council and any future major developers to achieve this.

We would appreciate your acknowledgment that this information is sufficient for you to commence the statutory 6 week consultation process.

Yours sincerely

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