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For the Attention of Hilary Hanslip

Dear Ms Hanslip

I write as a resident of Duke's Park in connection with the application from Martelsham Parish Council ("MPC") to include the Duke's Park and certain other areas (Seckford Heights, the Football Ground and the southern side of California) in its Neighbourhood Plan. [REDACTED]

It seems completely nonsensical for MPC to seek to have these areas included within its Neighbourhood Plan. Duke's Park and the other areas clearly adjoin the other streets in the vicinity such as (in the case of Duke's Park) Sandy Lane and California, all of which are for all practical purposes an extension of Woodbridge down from Ipswich Road. Everyone views Duke's Park as part of Woodbridge and there is a clear line of demarcation starting from the eastern boundary of the field by the railway line to the north of Sandy Lane. That is surely where the boundary should be, as asserted by Woodbridge Town Council ("WTC"). There seems to be no proper basis for Duke's Park to be included in MPC's Neighbourhood Plan as its suggested annexation of part of Woodbridge is completely arbitrary. Why would the southern side of California be in one parish and the northern side be in another parish where only a few hundred meters down Sandy Lane towards there is a natural break where the Woodbridge conurbation ends? That makes no sense and this is a very different situation to where, for example, house on different sides of the road in urban areas such as Ipswich are located in different authorities and where a line does need to be drawn somewhere. The same applies to the area around the Football Ground – this is clearly linked without break to all of the new houses which back onto Ipswich Road and to the houses to the west of Old Barrack Road – it seems fatuous and artificial to contend that this area is part of Martelsham where it is for all intents and purposes part of Woodbridge.

Of course, some of this thinking is no doubt based upon the siting of the old parish boundaries. I would respectfully suggest that the most practical approach to deciding these Neighbourhood Plan applications from WTC and MPC would be to amend the parish boundary to reflect the reality on the ground and how housing development has occurred. We would strongly contend that Duke's Park should remain in the WTC Neighbourhood Plan (and be included within the Woodbridge parish).

Yours sincerely

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