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Dear Hilary Hanslip, Planning Policy & Delivery Team

The Local Plan has comments that Dukes Park and area south to Sandy Lane is not for building on. Yet the Woodbridge inclusion of that area means to me that SCDC can obtain a higher council tax by having that area (re East Anglian Daily Times March 5 Page 22 SCDC Setting of amounts of council tax).

If so you must be thinking of building on Dukes Park and area to Sandy Lane.

This being the case may I point out that the urban spread from Ipswich towards Woodbridge (including the latest building at Mill Heath seems to imply the the small town of Woodbridge is now an urban hinterland of Ipswich. If so I'm sure the good people of Woodbridge would like to pay a lower council tax - more inline to the rates set for Kesgrave and Martlesham. As a visible green belt separation between Woodbridge and Martlesham does not seem to apply.

Mill Heath seems to prove this point. (The building on the field I thought was part of the 'protected insects and Martlesham Heath' site back in the 1990's) - I must of got that totally wrong.

Martlesham Parish boundary going through Seckford Hall's grounds/ Why does it?

In 1831 the Great Bealing parish boundary and Martlesham parish boundary went through the main doors of the Seckford Hall.

1844 ordinance survey map shows a path to the east of the hall and crossing over the road we know today as Seckford Hall Road. Today's footpath (and your parish map) seems to follow this old path.

Some maps, from the 1950's, show the parish boundary as along the Woodbridge by-pass (1940/50) then back along the Seckford Hall Road. Missing out Seckford Hall altogether.

SO HOW DID SCDC FORM ITS NORTH MARTLESHAM PARISH BOUNDARY? Is there a department in SCDC I can ask that question?

regards

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