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Dear Hilary,

**Re: PROPOSED NEIGHBOURHOOD AREAS: MARTLESHAM; AND WOODBRIDGE
(WITH PART OF MARTLESHAM)**

Thank you for consulting Suffolk County Council on the above matter. The County Council has no objection to either proposed area as set out in your letter dated 26th January.

The most appropriate geographic coverage for a Plan is, in large part, dependent on the policy topics which it covers. It is, therefore, difficult to determine the most appropriate areas for neighbourhood plans in advance of proper understanding of the issues which the Plans will eventually cover.

At a small geographic scale, it is difficult to identify functional areas. Primary school catchments, being designed to manage infrastructure capacity and to reduce the need for travel, could be considered a proxy for functional areas at a scale similar to that of a parish.

You can search for school catchment areas via the following hyperlink:
<http://infolink.suffolk.gov.uk/kb5/suffolk/infolink/results.action?communitychannel=4-1&schooltype=6&sorttype=field&sortfield=title>

Whilst the District Council may consider existing primary school catchment areas as being relevant to this decision, it should also be noted that it is entirely possible to manage the development of the two plans in respect of primary school provision under either scenario proposed, as long as there is an effective dialogue between the Parish, Town, District and County Councils.

The Plans may or may not impact on County Council service responsibilities, depending on what the neighbourhood planning bodies are seeking to achieve. If the Plans are likely to impact on any of the County Council's services, such as transport or education (in particular), we would welcome the opportunity to discuss proposals at an early stage in the Plans' preparation. Potentially relevant County Council services include:

- Highways and transport
- Education (including pre-schools)
- Surface Water Management
- Social Care
- Archaeology
- Fire and rescue
- Libraries
- Waste Infrastructure

Please contact me if the County Council can be of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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