F.A.O. Hilary Hanslip

Dear Hilary,

We would like to comment on the above applications. Having looked carefully at the criteria, cases can be made in support of both applications. Accordingly, perhaps a compromise can be reached. Our view is that the south side of California (where we reside) and the whole of Dukes Park should be within the Martlesham Neighbourhood Plan.

As in the case of many people in the parishes surrounding Woodbridge, we occasionally make use of the shopping areas and banking and health services based in Woodbridge but that alone would not justify in itself this area being included in the Woodbridge Plan. Indeed, much of our shopping is undertaken at the larger stores on Martlesham Heath, where other commercial services are available. Accordingly, we tend to look towards Martlesham in this respect more so than Woodbridge. Additionally, in our area, the 'community' contact with Martlesham far outweighs any community contact with Woodbridge.

The area of Seckford Heights, as viewed solely on the map, does indeed look to be a continuation of Woodbridge's urban sprawl and residents may have a closer 'feel' for Woodbridge than elsewhere, Equally, the Football Ground is used by Woodbridge FC but that in itself should not exclude Martlesham from including the area of land in its Neighbourhood Plan.

Accordingly, on balance, we would support the Martlesham application for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Yours sincerely

Trevor Brown and Linda Brown



