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**From:**  
**Sent:** 20 February 2017 13:37  
**To:** suffolkcoastlocalplan  
**Subject:** Melton Neighbourhood Plan.

**Categories:** Red Category

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This proposal that has had no publicised business , or community case made or discussed neither has at meaningful financial planning for construction and future maintenance been prepared or published for the community to digest.

Indeed this lack of financial planning is amply illustrated by MPC legally signing up for a 2 year contract on offices recently within Woodbridge when no overt transparent enquiries were made or published to find suitable accommodation & premises in Melton or indeed share such premises within the locality or perhaps to invest the £16000 PA being currently paid in rent for the benefit of community , for example , if this type of accommodation was so urgently needed why could this money not have been invested in the Burness Rooms which would have been a long term investment for Melton as opposed to a substantial spending of village assets , also £7.5k was spent without overt financial audit on the plans for the undemocratic proposed development on the Community area.

The proposal to develop and destroy part of "The Jewell in the Crown of Melton" is in direct conflict with :-

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I am sorry to say that this conflict appears in a number of areas within the proposed NP this is both upsetting and causing concern for my family and the future of many Melton residents I have spoken to and discussed these issues with .

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Thank you for your time and deliberations & please could I be informed of the decision under Regulation 19.

Gratefully yours.

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**Sent:** 21 February 2017 07:32  
**To:** suffolkcoastallocalplan  
**Subject:** Fwd: Melton Neighbourhood Plan.

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Dear Hillary and team.

I apologise for this second email , I have omitted in error a small section which I would request is read in conjunction with my main response dated 20.2.17 ( as below)

I would like to draw to your attention the following as illustrating the lack of cohesion and conflicted strategy and thinking for the future of Melton Community Playing field.

Page 78 .Focus Point 5 "The playing field is a great asset let's look after it"

Page 84 points 10, 15, 17 & 18.

To propose building an unwarranted 2 storey vanity project which i would suggest is a Trojan horse project to obtain "Melton Parish Council Chambers" by slight of hand on this area appears to be in direct conflict to the previously highlighted points in the NP as well approximately 20% of the field becoming a quagmire and therefore unusable through lack of maintenance and drainage does not appear to be the best example of " The playing field is a great asset , let's look after it " .

Thank you for your patience and understanding with regards to this additional material.

Allan Cole

Begin forwarded message:

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