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For the attention of Mrs H Hanslip, Planning Policy & Delivery Team (Neighbourhood Plans), Suffolk Coastal District Council

Response to Melton Neighbourhood Plan

I have comment on just one of the policies within the Melton Neighbourhood Plan - Policy MEL9 PROVISION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES AT THE PLAYING FIELDS, MELTON ROAD. This policy recommends the erection of a large building (community centre/village hall) on Melton Playing Field and the extension of existing car park. This policy recommends building on the main area of dedicated public green recreational space in Melton. Building on land which was given to the community for recreation, for outdoor activities. Melton Parish Council are custodians of this open green space and it is their responsibility to ensure that it remains "dedicated green recreation space for the community". They must ensure there is no building work or loss of any green space on Melton Playing Field. I find it unbelievable that Melton Parish Council have made this recommendation. Policy MEL9 is a complete contradiction to the overall aim of the neighbourhood plan and specifically to Policy MEL12 PROTECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF LOCAL GREEN SPACES.

Further, Melton Parish Council states it's intention within the neighbourhood plan with Objective Three, to "Protect and enhance the unique environment and heritage" Melton Playing Field is a key part Melton's heritage, having been gifted to the community in 1950s for the sole purpose of recreation.

My recommendation is that Policy MEL9 and the recommendation for any further building on Melton Playing Field should be removed from the final version of the Melton Neighbourhood Plan.

Please feel free to contact me on this subject.

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