

STATEMENT

This is my representation submitted to the "Service Manager – Strategy & Planning" by email on Saturday 21/01/2017.

My representation relates to the "Land at Balcombe Green" which is mentioned specifically under both Policy 1 (Sedlescombe Development Boundary) and Policy 9 (Land at Balcombe Green).

The Neighbourhood Plan needs to be amended or rejected. Policy 9 (Land at Balcombe Green) of the plan is misrepresented and should be removed. The land is not deliverable. Key landowners, critical to achieving the necessary consensus required under planning guidelines, have no intention of making the site available for a residential development. For some reason, the leadership of the Parish Council appears to be actively ignoring clear and consistent feedback in this regard and is still pressing for a move of the development boundary under Policy 1, which will also impact other landowners who do not wish their back gardens to also be included within the proposed new development boundary. Such change of boundary only serves minority individual interests in Balcombe Green to facilitate single developments that would be non-countable towards the Neighbourhood Plan. Onus should remain on justifying any development in area on a case-by-case basis rather than allowing default assumption that any development is OK. Proposed boundary change under Policy 1 for Balcombe Green therefore needs to be rejected forthwith.

Best regards

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