

Statement further to Objection to Policy LP01 (21224)

My statement refers to all questions under Matter 5.1

My objection to Policy LP01 is

In order to protect the character of the hamlet, the Policy should include the following criterion:
"Proposals which seek to extend the settlement boundary of hamlets will normally be resisted".

Part 1 d). Clarification is required as to the meaning of "special regard shall be given..." The current wording is very ambiguous and open to various interpretations.

Further statement:

The defining of settlement boundaries around hamlets and the defining of dwelling clusters where windfall development may be acceptable is a major Local Plan policy change affecting a very large number of very small communities and the Suffolk countryside. It is essential that such a change be carried out in a measured way in order to guard against the character of this part of rural Suffolk being undermined, whilst allowing some very small scale development; hence my proposed amendment to the Policy. For this reason, the criteria of the proposed policy should not be relaxed further as put forward by many of the other objectors.

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