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Dear Sirs,

**Proposed Submission Local Plan
Allocation for Open Space
Policy SC/1: Allocation for Open Space 1.d
Statement Following Representation 57526 by Mr Keith Wilderspin**

There have been significant developments in terms of potential sites for the provision of open space in Swavesey since the Proposed Submission Local Plan was produced, and since my representation 57526 was made.

On 12th May 2016 planning consent was granted to Mr & Mrs R Mallindine following appeal decision APP/W0530/W/15/3139078 for a development of 30 new dwellings at 18 Boxworth End Swavesey. As part of the s106 obligations for this development the owner covenants to grant to the Parish Council a 999 year lease for a peppercorn rent of a field of 2.60ha in area located behind the development. I understand that at Swavesey Parish Councils August meeting, it was decided to accept the lease of this land. I understand that following this meeting the clerk to the parish council was going to write to SCDC confirming this point, and also confirming that they did not wish to pursue the allocation of land behind Fen Willow Farm.

As an alternative site for public open space is now being made available within Swavesey that is acceptable to the parish council, the need for the allocation of land behind Fen Willow Farm proposed in the Local Plan is no longer there.

As the need for open space in Swavesey can now been fulfilled elsewhere, I am hopeful that SCDC will withdraw the proposed allocation behind Fen Willow Farm. I have since spoken to the officer at SCDC dealing with open space allocations, and they were not able to confirm whether or not SCDC would be withdrawing the proposed allocation.

Clearly if, in light of these significant developments, SCDC withdraw the proposed allocation, there will be no need for me to attend your enquiry. If however, SCDC continue to proceed with the proposed allocation behind Fen Willow Farm, either I or my agent would wish to attend and submit further evidence.

In terms of the questions raised in the Matters and Issues document, I note as follows:

Would the allocation result in an over concentration of open space in the Northern part of the village?

It is noted that the consent for 30 houses (APP/W0530/W/15/3139078) now granted in the Southern part of the village adds weight to the case for a more even provision of open space within the village. I understand also that further applications are expected on sites in the Southern part of the village in close proximity to the alternative land offered.

Is there a reasonable prospect that the site would be deliverable during the lifetime of the plan?

As the owner of the proposed allocation site, I can confirm that it would not be deliverable for the reasons set out in my earlier representation, 57526, unless development were allowed on my neighboring farm yard. Without development of the farm yard the delivery of the proposed open space allocation would not be viable.

Should alternative options for expanding the area of open space adjacent to the village green be explored?

Clearly they should, as the alternative land is not attached to a dwelling or agricultural business, and as such would be more viable to deliver.

If SCDC do not withdraw the proposed allocation, despite the offer and acceptance of an alternative site for open space, I will need time to prepare evidence to submit to the enquiry. I would therefore be grateful if SCDC could inform me of their plans at the earliest opportunity.

Yours faithfully

Keith Wilderspin

