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Dear Mr Cousins

Sedlescombe Neighbourhood Plan and Representations

Thank you for agreeing to undertake the examination of the Sedlescombe Neighbourhood Plan (SNP).

Please find the submitted SNP and all supporting documents enclosed.

I also enclose a CD containing the spreadsheet summarising all the consultation responses received by Rother District Council following the eight week consultation of the Sedlescombe Neighbourhood Plan in accordance with Regulation 16 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulation 2012. To accompany the spreadsheet I also attach scanned copies of each individual representation made. In total there was 508 representations made. Please note that these are redacted versions of the representations, principally with personal details removed, although there are a couple of representations where certain comments have been redacted, in relation to which the relevant representor has been advised and accepted.

There is an index to the representations, with each one having an ID number. As you will see, there are 508 duly-made representations (no. 115 was withdrawn), recorded as follows:

- 447 Supports
- 34 Objections
- 5 Part Support/Part Objection
- 18 Comments
- 4 No Comments

Please note there were 4 late representations made. These are also included in the spreadsheet under the '*late representations*' tab and on the CD. We have written to those who made the late representations to say that they were not formally accepted as part of the consultation but will be passed to you for consideration, although you are not obliged to take them into account in your consideration of the Plan.



Also included on the CD is a short analysis of the Equalities Monitoring data collected as part of the consultation process for your information.

In the course of processing the representations, administrative officers have made a number of observations on them, which I draw to your attention:

1. Policy 11 of the Neighbourhood Plan has received most support. It is apparent from summarising the submissions to the consultation that the majority of representations made in support of Policy 11 (Street Farm) are very similar (support for beauty, wildlife, love of the green gap, special value to the community, importance of being part of the Brede Valley Landscape). It appears that a 'mock-up' form was circulated amongst the village encouraging support of this policy on these bases, labelled as 'Joe Bloggs'. The 'Joe Bloggs' form has been appended to a small number of representations (Representation 509 refers) Separate from this, a few representations append a copy of the recent (December 2016) Sedlescombe Parish Council Bulletin, which also specifically refers to support of Policy 11 in the Neighbourhood Plan. (representations 7, 21, 509 refer)
2. Sedlescombe Parish Council has submitted a representation that is actually a response to the Rother District Council Cabinet Report on the Neighbourhood Plan. Although not a representation on the Plan itself, this is included within the package of representations (representation 52 refers).
3. A small number of respondents to the consultation sent more than one submission to the consultation; these are noted within the consultation summary spreadsheet.

For convenience, I also enclose a copy of the Council's adopted Local Plan Core Strategy, which contains the strategic policies of the Council.

When you have studied the documents and the representations, I look forward to your advice on how you want the Examination to proceed. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely



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