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Gayle Wootton  
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cc. Cllrs J. and D. Else, Elstead Parish Council, The Elstead & Weyburn NHP Steering Committee.

### **ELSTEAD AND WEYBURN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

#### **SITES FOR HOUSING**

Dear Gayle

I am writing in response to your e-mail of 14 February on this subject, which has been considered both by the Elstead and Weyburn Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG) and by Elstead Parish Council.

Both the NPSG and the Parish Council have concluded, with regret, that they will not now be able to include the designation of sites for housing within the Neighbourhood Plan. They remain of the view that Sunray Farm is a significantly more appropriate site for housing than either of the sites in Hookley Lane which Waverley Borough Council wishes to pursue. We believe that we have put forward compelling planning arguments in support of our preferred site, which is also the one which has received strongest local support. We are disappointed that WBC have failed to acknowledge these arguments.

It is clear to that there is little prospect of our being able to progress a draft Neighbourhood Plan which designates sites not endorsed by WBC. This is a regrettable outcome and reflects poorly on the degree of co-operation shown by WBC in the Neighbourhood Plan

process. We will therefore proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan which includes policies and programmes but not sites for housing. I would be grateful if you could advise in due course if such a Neighbourhood Plan would require an environmental assessment.

We recognise that this decision will mean that the determination of sites for housing within the NP area, along with the associated review of the Green Belt boundary, will be matters for the Local Plan Part 2. We would wish to be closely associated with this exercise, in which we can be expected to retain our preference for Sunray Farm as the most appropriate housing site.

Kind regards

Juliet Williams  
Clerk - Elstead Parish Council

