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Dear Planning Policy,

I'm taking this opportunity to make representations to you regarding this draft plan.

My comments relate to the approach within the plan to seek to ring fence all open spaces as outside of any potential for community or housing purposes.

I believe that a blanket embargo on any development or partial development is at the least unhelpful.

All sites are normally considered on their merits, and few sites are the same, as we planners know.

Here are my views regarding an open space in Combe Road.

P.S. I was told by a witness who attended, that many landowners went to a PC meeting when this open space policy was discussed, to vent their objections – I doubt if the fact of their opposition was passed on to planning.

One of the “open” sites that was to be in the draft plan was recently allowed on appeal for one dwelling (Brook Lane site, just outside the village). The appellant was at the meeting referred to above.

By the way, this “open space” in Come Road, Stonesfield, is a field that can't be seen from any public view point at present:

*For the Combe Road Site, my comments are:*

- 1. That a blanket protection of open spaces isn't helpful, each is different, with different characteristics and merit.*
- 2. For example, the Combe Road site is not currently enjoyed by the village, because there are no public views over it.*
- 3. Any proposal for the Combe Road site, enables the public, the villagers of Stonesfield, opportunity to experience via footpaths etc., the retained field site and views over it.*
- 4. Furthermore, the proposal for a mixed housing scheme on only a quarter of the site retains three quarters for nature enhanced and retained as such into the future*
- 5. Thus, protection of part of this space while helping to meet the local unmet housing need and that of the District as a whole, has significant range of planning benefits.*
- 6. In this way for this site, we are achieving two of the key positives that the draft Neighbourhood Plan is also seeking: 1. to protect “open” space ,while 2. providing housing for those most in need locally.*

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