Hearing Statement from Harry Brightwell on the Examination of the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan regarding Matter 2 as identified below:

Matter 2
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Matter 2.18
Is the identification of settlements as set up re SCLP 3.2 justified.

The criteria used for the identification of settlements is too fluid and not stable and therefore liable to change. For instance if the same criteria were used today Tuddenham St. Martin would not be classed as a small village as the Tea room has now closed. The alternative site would therefore be even more appropriate. Surely more stable classifications should have been used so the classifications of villagers lasted longer than a few months.

Matter 2.19
Is the distribution as set out in table 3.5 justified and consistent with national policy for achievement of sustainable development?

Table 3.5 is not justified as it is not consistent with national policy for the achievement of sustainable development, at least in relation to SCLP12.67 Land of Keightley Way (site 135).

NP 16. Plans should: a) be prepared with the objective of contributing to the achievement of sustainable development; b) be prepared positively, in a way that is aspirational but deliverable; c) be shaped by early, proportionate and effective engagement between plan-makers and communities, local organisations, businesses, infrastructure providers and operators and statutory consultees;

There has been no effective engagement, as is demonstrated by Parish Council and villagers, objections to the Plan. Representations made by Parish Council and villagers and better and supported alternatives have been ignored so Policy is not consistent with National Policy.