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Dear Mr Hetherington

The Former Airfield At Lympne – Lympne Parish Council’s Response To Blue Sky Planning Additional Submission

The comments of Lympne Parish Council previously submitted to SDC Planning Department regarding the Core Strategy are still relevant and extant.

In addition, LPC would like to make the following comments on the additional statement submitted by Blue Sky Planning on behalf of Phides Ltd, the owners of the former airfield at Lympne.

The proposal to consider the future development of Lympne under the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) route recommended in the Core Strategy is fully endorsed by LPC. In this respect it is seen to be extremely important to consider the development of the entire village, rather than just the former airfield. The Village has an up-to-date Parish Plan which was instigated, funded and endorsed by the Parish Council and is considered to be a very sound basis for the NDP to be taken forward. The Parish Council has continued to monitor the process of defining the NDP and has already started work to prepare for it. It is therefore felt that to accede to Blue Sky Planning’s proposals would be counter-productive to the best interests of the village in that it will only concentrate on one area and not on an integrated approach to development.

The incorrect and inappropriate statement that the Parish Council is ‘wholly opposed to the principle of development’ is unwarranted and will be taken up separately with Blue Sky Planning.

In summary, LPC support the Core Strategy in respect of the site known as the former airfield at Lympne and endorses the proposal to consider the future development of Lympne under the auspices of the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

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