

Dear Councillor

The Kirton & Trimley Land Grab Campaign is concerned about both the urbanisation of the Trimley villages and the absence of a valid evidence base supporting the industrialisation of Innocence Farm. We will continue pointing out the frailties of SCDC's arguments.

This said we believe common sense and reason are unlikely to influence a vote at the SCDC. It is clear District Councillors are pressured to support Council officials and their party's lead on almost all issues and that voting against their party's lead risks their de-selection.

We conclude the system is 'broken' and needs 'fixing', so District Councillors can properly represent their electorate. With this in mind, we are inviting existing District Councillors to confirm their individual support for the Code of Principles outlined below or face an independent candidate at the District Council elections on 2nd May 2019. The essential Code of Practice principles are:

- Ensuring all reasonable steps are taken to discover parishioner views on all issues of significance*
- Setting political party views aside in favour of their community's view*
- Acceptance of a duty to represent the community, rather than supporting officials or party direction*
- Opposition to any proposal to change the planning status of agricultural land, unless:
 - There is a demonstrable, evidence-based community need*
 - There is a demonstrable social benefit*
 - All 'brownfield' land alternatives have been exhausted*
 - It is limited to the actual amount of land required, rather than the Council incrementing the forecast.*
 - Nearby District Councils have co-operated, rather than competed, to ensure there is no duplication of resources between councils (resulting in a total land allocation beyond the overall requirement).**
- Ensuring valuable wildlife habitats are preserved, wherever possible*
- Ensuring the pollution impact of any proposal on nearby schools and residences has been properly assessed.*
- The character of villages, hamlets and towns is being preserved*
- Specific communities are not being given an unfair housing allocation*
- Supporting affordable housing projects, including the use of pre-fabricated buildings*
- Resisting the use of land for the development of second homes*
- Ensuring developers are not permitted to back out of affordable housing commitments given at an earlier stage in the planning process*
- Enforcing necessary infrastructure developments ahead of the start of any housing or commercial building project*
- Opposing any perceived attempt to 'link' villages and hamlets by way of a housing or industrial development*
- Voting against Council proposals, where the Council appears to have abandoned any one of the above principles*
- Supporting any other District Ward, as well as their own Ward, against Council proposals, where the Council appears to have abandoned any one of the above principles*

We would like to ask where you stand personally. We are not interested in your political affiliation, only that you are prepared to give a personal guarantee you will adopt the above code. If you are unable to do so, then that is your right, but it is our right to field an 'Independent' candidate willing

to stand against you at the next District Council election on 2nd May 2019. It is our belief we can generate the necessary support to ensure the election of anyone committed to the principles we have listed.

We do hope you will feel able to give us the guarantee we have asked for, as our first wish is to obtain the commitment of incumbent District Councillors, whatever their party-political views. Because East Suffolk Council Ward boundaries and party nominations have yet to be finalised, we are sending this email to all Waveney and Suffolk Coastal District Councillors who may intend standing on 2nd May 2019.

Regards

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