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Dear Ms Round

### **Tandridge District Council - Green Belt Assessment Methodology - Workshop 2015**

I refer to our Chairman Sue Renaut's email correspondence with Adem Mehmet in your Tandridge Planning Policy Team, in which she raised Council's concern that we had not received an invitation to attend the above plus the lack of notice given.

We now write, following a Councillor's attendance at one of these sessions, to raise further questions with regard to the consultation for this review. This is an extremely important issue which is of major concern to both Nutfield Parish Council and our Parishioners.

1. As mentioned above there was very little notice given to us regarding this important workshop.
2. No pre-discussion material or agenda was provided.
3. There was no indication of the level of expertise that would be required to fully participate.
4. The power-point presentation contained complex issues which were then discussed in groups. Hand-outs were not supplied so the delegates could easily refer to them during the discussion period.
5. Each group was pre-selected and given the same facilitator for each session. It was felt it would have been more constructive to move people around to obtain a more balance view
6. The Facilitator had obviously been briefed in detail beforehand on the subject matter but the comments made were very briefly summarised. For the 3rd and 4th sessions delegates were not guided to actually review the questions by the Facilitator so at the end of the sessions he reported comments but looked a bit confused when asked if the questions were appropriate. The delegates had to remind themselves that this was the task.
7. There was a general lack of understanding and clarity amongst those attending,

Nutfield Parish Council is extremely concerned regarding the Methodology Consultation and feels strongly that this workshop should not be used by Tandridge District Council to gauge any opinion from participants in connection with the forthcoming Review.

The Council believes a formal consultation should be undertaken on the above to obtain views from all members of Nutfield Parish Council, rather than one off individuals on this important issue. We believe this should occur before any decisions are taken to change the status of the local Green Belt.

In conclusion we request that the current proposals on Green Belt Assessment Methodology be withdrawn and not be submitted to the Planning Policy Committee on 25 June 2015.

Yours faithfully

Roger Brown  
Parish Clerk