

Planning Statement and Green Belt Justification

Propose Fencing at **The Land off Helmshore Road, Holcombe**

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1. Introduction

1.1 This Planning and Green Belt Justification Statement has been produced to support an application for planning permission for the construction of a new fence at the land off Helmshore road.

1.2 This Statement has been prepared by Zach Thorp of Thorp Design Services.

1.3 This Statement has been prepared pursuant to s.62 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) and Article 4C of the General Development Procedure Order 1995 (as amended), as informed by Circular 01/2006 and CABE Guidance issued in 2006.

2. The Application Proposal

2.1 The Application Proposals are Shown in more detail on the drawings.; they include construction of a Timber fence along 1 boundary of the site.

2.2 The existing fence is in disrepair and is a hazard to the public as such the owner is looking to installed a timber fence along the pedestrian walkway boundary.

3. National, regional and local planning policy National Planning Policy

3.1 National Planning Policy Framework . chapter 13 of the NPPF regards the construction of new buildings in the Green Belt as inappropriate development. Exceptions to this are:

- a) buildings for agriculture and forestry;
- b) provision for appropriate facilities (in connection with the existing use of land or a change of use) for outdoor sport and recreation;
- c) extension or alteration of a building providing it does not result in disproportionate additions over and above the size of the original building;
- d) replacement of a building, providing the new building is in the same use and not materially larger than the one it replaces;
- e) limited infilling in villages;
- f) limited affordable housing for community needs under policies set out in the development plan (including policies for rural exceptions sites); and
- g) limited infilling or the partial or complete redevelopment of previously developed land, whether redundant or in continuing use excluding temporary buildings) which would

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- not have a greater impact on the openness of the Green Belt than the existing development; or
- not cause substantial harm to the openness of the Green belt, where the development would re-use previously developed land and contribute to meeting an identified affordable housing need with in the area of the local planning authority.

4. The Applicant's case and Green Belt Justification

4.1 The new fence will be simple and sympathetic in design in keeping with the rural area.

4.2 The fence will be smaller in height than what is currently on the site while making sure it achieves fall protection requirements form the pedestrian path (Which the current does not).

4.3 The use of appropriate, high quality materials

5. Summary and Conclusion

5.1 The Application Proposals respect relevant national and local planning policies. In terms of design, they reflect the very best, and it causes no harm.

5.2 Planning permission should therefore be granted, subject to appropriate conditions