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**From:** Lisa Turner - blackdown hills [REDACTED]  
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**To:** Planning Policy [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Membury Neighbourhood Plan

I'm afraid that I don't seem able to enter text into the representation form, and trust that this email reply will be acceptable.

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Please indicate whether you wish to be notified of any of the following:

**Yes** The publication of the recommendations of any person appointed to carry out an independent examination of the Membury Neighbourhood Plan.

**Yes** The adoption of the Membury Neighbourhood Plan.

## Representation details

### 1. To which section of the Neighbourhood Plan does this representation relate? NE1, NE2, BHE1, BHE2

Support these policy areas. As a set of policies they give strong attention to the natural and built environment and provide a clear context for development, reflecting and reiterating the AONB Management Plan and associated guidance.

### 2. To which section of the Neighbourhood Plan does this representation relate? HP1 – HP5

In relation to the Housing & Population section, previous and ongoing concerns have not been met by this version.

I am concerned that the policies lack clarity, and more certainty is required; they risk harming the AONB, risk being unimplementable against other Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan policies and risk unintended consequences. A key concern is the lack of clarity on what is a 'hamlet' and how do they differ from 'clusters'. If the principle of sporadic and dispersed housing is accepted at loosely grouped clusters of dwellings/farms that have been defined as 'hamlets', without any explanation of why they merit this status, the case could be argued for new development at

other clusters. I fail to see how Furley, Longbridge and Webble Green are anything other than loose groups of properties in very attractive countryside. The lack of a defined settlement extent to each of these adds to concern.

Policy HP1 and HP3 both refer to 'any proposal for new additional housing development'. Given the title of HP3 one assumes that it is meant to refer specifically to local needs housing. If this is not the case and both apply it is suggested that it would be clearer to amalgamate them into one policy.

It is suggested that some of the supporting text to HP3 should be in the policy, i.e. on page 26 where it stipulates that the housing should be in Membury village.

In addition there is reference to a distance of 350 metres on the basis that this equates to 5 minutes walking time; as such this should not be 'as the crow flies'.

**If your representation is seeking a change, do you consider it necessary to speak at the examination?** (please tick one box only)

No, I do not wish to speak at the examination.

Submitted by *L A Turner*

16/03/18