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Clerk of Balcombe Parish Council
Gleddoch,
Stockcroft Road
Balcombe, West Sussex

Dear Clerk,

CONSULTATION ON FINAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Governors of Balcombe Primary School have reviewed the Final Neighbourhood Plan and have the following observations which we would like to be taken into consideration as part of the consultation exercise:

- Policy 6 – Primary School. We welcome and appreciate your support on potential proposals to provide additional educational facilities. We would also like, notwithstanding your previous considerable efforts at traffic calming in the vicinity of the school, to ask you to consider extending this policy to include support for further traffic calming efforts as we remain concerned about the speed of traffic on the main road in front of the school, and believe that explicitly referencing this objective in the Neighbourhood Plan will re-enforce its importance
- Policy 8 – Skateboard Park. We support the need to have a skateboard park within the Parish to provide an additional facility for the young people of the village. However, we have significant reservations about the proposed site due to the increased potential for vandalism of school facilities, the proximity to our newly created Forest Schools environment and the need for young children to navigate the busy road and intersection (see above comments) to access the facility. We believe that the facility would be better sited in a safer part of the Parish, such as the Recreation Ground. We would ask you to reconsider the skateboard park location in light of these concerns.

We would also like to go on record for our appreciation to both the previous and current Parish Council members for their hard work over the years in drafting, communicating and negotiating this plan. Your considerable effort will support the sustainable growth of the village for years to come.

Yours sincerely,

Jeff Thompson
Chair of Governors