MELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

Meeting: 20 August (Maintenance Committee)

Agenda Item: MA027/20d)

Date of Report: 13 August 2020

Correspondence regarding adoption of open space.

I am writing with reference to s106 agreement dated 21 July 2016 attached to planning permission S/2791/14/OL and in particular the transfer obligations relating to the Strategic Green Belt.

Hopkin Homes have approached the Council wishing to start the process of fulfilling the transfer obligations relating to the Strategic Green Belt. I understand the Parish Council expressed a desire to have the SGB transferred to them back in September 2018. Please could you confirm that it is still the Parish Councils intention to have the SGB transferred to them. Please note Hopkin Homes have advised other areas of open space including the LEAP are presently not ready for inspection.

As a first step our Landscape Architect has been instructed to carry out an inspection of the SGB to ensure that provision is as per the approved plans, the area is being maintained to an acceptable standard and that the planting is surviving/thriving. Prior to the site visit please could you advise if the Parish Council have any concerns regarding this area to enable our Landscape Architect to review during their inspection. I am hoping that the inspection will take place in the next 2 weeks.

Discussed by Planning Committee (10 August 2020) – site inspection to be arranged.