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SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT

1. My primary Statement states at the beginning that it covers all the Matters. I was therefore surprised to be told at the Hearing on Matter 3A, that legal matters were “done and dusted” at the Hearing on Matter 1, and no longer had any relevance.
2. My Statement is clear, unambiguous and needs no explanation – therefore, I decided there was no need to appear in person at the Hearing on Matter 1. I trust my failure to register for Matter 1 will not mean that my Statement is totally discarded. I would remind everyone that it is extremely difficult for non-professional people to venture to comment on these matters which so dramatically affect not only their daily lives but the daily lives of many who will be unseen and unheard at any formal Consultation. Mistakes in procedure (if any) should not remove their voice entirely.
3. My whole intention in appearing in person on Matters 2 and 3, rather than Matter 1, was to give examples of how the rather lofty ambitions in the international Conventions and National laws referred to in my Statement, affect the “nitty-gritty” practicalities of planning implementation, and also affect planning laws themselves, because planning laws are subservient to Statutes and Conventions with a broader sweep.
4. PPS 12 backs me up on this. Annex B to PPS 12 is actually headed “Policy Advice and **integration with other strategies**”. Two of those “other strategies” have are headed “Climate Change: Impacts and Adaptation”, “The Air Quality Strategy For England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland” – and presumably the list is not exhaustive. Planning Policy Statements are not law, merely guidelines – they advocate flexibility and must of necessity be highly flexible themselves. If I and many others wish to request, for instance, that the World Charter for Nature or the Biodiversity Convention be inserted into PPS12, there is nothing to stop us at least asking for this.

4(a) The **Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009** is “An Act to make provision for the purposes of promoting public involvement in relation to local authorities and other public authorities.

4(b) The **Sustainable Communities Act 2007** aims to promote the sustainability of local communities. It begins from the principle that local people know best what needs to be done to promote the sustainability of their area, but that sometimes they need central government to act to enable them to do so. It provides a channel for local people to ask central government to take such action. It is also a new way for local authorities to ask central government to take action which they believe would better enable them to improve the economic, social or environmental well-being of their area. This could include a proposal to transfer the functions of one public body to another. The scope of the Act is very broad, covering economic, social and environmental issues. It does not limit the type of action that could be put forward, provided the action is within that broad scope. It is for local people to decide what they think needs to be done to promote the sustainability of their area.

5. It looks as if I must now add the National Acts at 4(a) and 4(b) to the list in my Statement, of laws which are not being obeyed or even read in the first place, when planning matters are being proposed and then discussed.

Conclusion

I request that my Statement be added to the Statements for Matter 1 if it is the case that Statements are only considered relevant if they have the Matter Number in the top right-hand corner, and if it is the case that the law of England and international law only apply to Matter 1 and all other Matters are outside the law. I had assumed that in selecting Matters, I was selecting Matters on which to appear in person, not Matters to which my Statement is relevant. As I said in the Statement at the beginning, it is highly relevant to all the Matters without exception, because all Matters must proceed under the laws that govern us as law-abiding citizens – and those laws are NOT Planning Laws only. Also, it is accepted by all that the JCS must be flexible and adaptable to events and circumstances in the wider world, and the increasing concern all over the world that overdevelopment is tantamount to Ecocide is a concern that is already reflected in major laws and which **must** therefore, be factored in to any consideration of local planning policy whatever the particular topic under consideration might be.

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