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Dear Melissa

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email of 2nd November 2008 and to apologise for any distress caused by my statement as broadcasted on the BBC programme 'Inside Out' on the 24th September 2008 regarding Aldingbourne residents' responses to the LDF Questionnaire and the likelihood of future development of the field adjacent to St Mary's Church, Aldingbourne. I confirm that the statements as attributed to me in the programme as broadcast did and do not represent any decision taken by Arun District Council nor do they represent any official view expressed by Arun District Council. I had no intention of causing distress to anyone, or to imply that the LDF consultation response was part of an agenda of one community against another community.

I attach a statement about my own views of the broadcast. I have done this separately as I do not wish it, in any way, to dilute the apology given above.

I have discussed this matter with the Leader of Arun District Council and agreed as an action to reinforce the sentiments of this apology; I will not preside as Chairman of the next meeting of the Local Development Framework Sub-Committee.

I have sent a copy of this apology to the Clerk of Aldingbourne Parish Council and asked that it be presented formally to all Members at the next Aldingbourne Parish Council Meeting.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ricky Bower". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Ricky Bower