**Appendix 1 - Question 1a**

* Oakley village, 1. There are alternative areas 2. It will spoil Oakley
* Station Road field and school sports field.
* Again, think person misunderstands question 2.
* Westfield Road - a lovely, quiet, tarmacked walk into countryside in any weather.
* Lincroft playing field and adjoining arable field. - Playing field for sport and exercise, adjoining field for open spaces and dog walking
* allotments it is a place for people to work in a garden and increases socialisation It is important for people who do not have a network to fall back on.
* Again, think person misunderstands Q2.
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* The village stands alone, albeit close to others, which helps it keep its character. Reason - the unspoilt views, plus the park area within. re 2 below, think the person thinks inclusion in the village plan will result in building on that site, so their views are the opposite of that shown.
* The village stands alone, albeit close to others, which helps it to retain its character. Reason - the unspoilt views plus the park area within. In 2 below, written 'if this means building on it' - think they took it to mean that inclusion in the Village Plan would lead to building on sites rather than protection.
* Lincroft School playing field. This area should be protected as a school facility. The proximity to other properties makes it unsuitable for extended use.
* Seeing these things lifts your spirit - so does walking through the woods
* Linch Furlong. Educational value for children. Important for wildlife. Easy access for walks
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* High Field Road area, Oakley River Bridges - Un-interrupted views over North Beds villages
* Too many villages close to Bedford have been spoilt due to over development. Oakley has beautiful landscape on most sides which should be saved for the future
* Westfield Road Any development will detract from the character of the road and will impact on wildlife
* Highfield Road. Is a reason needed? We are lucky to have such scenic surroundings
* Tall trees are being lost despite the fact that they are supposed to be protected
* Westfield road summer Spring Autumn walks character of the road
* To keep our village as it is
* Far too many of the original small pockets of the estate have been claimed by householders & fenced in. Openness of sightlines, attractiveness & safety
* Area around Lovell Homes should be protected from building work. To protect village from linking up with other villages
* The countryside that surrounds our village - Allows us to 'breath'. It has an intrinsic value
* Areas along & adjacent to the river - Important part of the village setting
* The Greens they are all used by all walks of life
* Around village unnecessary signage i.e. on lamp posts - Distracting when driving and spoils village feel with commercialisation
* All listed buildings & their immediate surrounding areas - to maintain our heritage
* Village green - a vital amenity for hundreds of Oakley residents, every day, all year round River/bridges/valley areas -beautiful tranquil areas - we need them too
* What remains of the green space in the village is precious and needs protecting from erosion by housing and other building developments.
* Westfield Road and the wooded area adjacent to the road to the west of Fox Covert and the field to the north of Westfield Road. Westfield is a truly rural road bordered by old and substantial trees unlike any other road in the village. It is lightly trafficked and safe for people to walk along and for young children to learn to cycle upon and to enjoy the countryside including views to both Stevington, of the Great Ouse and its valley and to Pavenham. The wooded area is home to many species of flora ,fauna and fowl including ( but not exhaustively) bats, owls numerous species of woodpecker and Red Kite are frequently seen hovering. All this would disappear if the wooded area and the fields to its west were built upon at all let alone the fact that there would be traffic conflict on the road. Once lost none of this would be retrievable.
* Westfield Road, adjacent fields with country views to the north and the wood (No. 134 on the plan). The trees in the wood are protected by preservation order 7/190/2/052 confirmed on 10 October 1972. The trees are a key element in the character of both Westfield Road and the village. The wood is home to a wide range of wildlife including deer, hare, rabbit, greater spotted, lesser spotted woodpeckers, owls, kestrels, sparrow hawks, and most importantly bats. All bat species and their roosts are legally protected by domestic and international legislation. Westfield Road is the only road in the built up are of Oakley where people can stroll at leisure with their children or their dog to relax and enjoy the views and the trees whilst meeting hardly any traffic. It is a precious asset and important civic amenity for the villagers of Oakley
* Views around the church and Oakley bridges which is the most attractive way to enter the village
* The village schools are there to serve the village not the other way round. This is an important principle. The schools are very successful and have over the previous years had expansion to their sites. There are sufficient facilities there that are not being used by the adult community for adult education learning. On the other hand they are proposing to expand sporting facilities as this will very likely bring in further income to the school. This is fantastic resource and the village the village would benefit from its potential as an adult education base.
* The village green, school playing fields and sports and social club playing field
* The farm-land outside the Village Plan on the West side of the Village has wonderful country views extending to the hills some three miles or more in the distance. These views also extend from Pavenham to Stevington below the high ground behind, and there are beautiful trees surrounding the whole of this view to the west of Oakley. These views would be spoilt forever if new housing was extended into this farmland outside of the existing Village Plan. This also does not take into account the serious dangers to people from additional traffic on the narrow Westfield Road where such housing has already been proposed. The road, which is surrounded along much of its length by Farmland, is very narrow and has little or no room for footpaths along its length. Common sense must prevail when looking for suitable locations for new housing in Oakley