**INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF THE OAKLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

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Mrs Ann Paice

Clerk to Oakley Parish Council

Ms Sonia Gallaher

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Dear Mrs Paice and Ms Gallaher

OAKLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN EXAMINATION

I write in response to the letter from Oakley Parish Council (OPC) of 17 November 2019 providing comments on my fact check report.

This has drawn some new factual information to my attention in relation to Local Green Space Site 9. This pertains to that part of the site which adjoins the River. To help me to assess the potential designation of all or any part of Site 9, I would be grateful if the following information could be provided by OPC and Bedford Borough Council to clarify the facts raised by OPC:

1. Can a map please be provided of that area which is leased by OPC?
2. Does the area leased by OPC conform with the area shown as designated M1 on the Allocations and Designations Local Plan Policies Map?
3. Can Bedford Borough Council please provide a copy of the Village open spaces and views background paper produced to support Policy AD40 of the Allocations and Designations Local Plan?
4. Are the boundaries of these areas clearly identifiable on the ground?
5. Please provide a map to show the area alongside the river which does not form part of the cultivated field.
6. Please indicate the Settlement Policy Area boundary referred to in the OPC on this map.

It would be helpful if this information can be provided within **2 weeks** from the date of this request. I should reiterate that this is not an opportunity to submit further views or supplementary evidence outside the parameters of strictly clarifying those factual matters covered by points 1-6 above.

In the interests of transparency, may I prevail upon you to ensure that a copy of this letter is placed on both the Parish Council and local authority websites.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Your sincerely

Wendy Burden

Examiner