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Dear Householder

Oakley Housing Needs Survey

BedsRCC is an independent charity established in 1953 and the leading community development agency working across Bedfordshire. We work with parish councils, local authorities, housing associations and private developers to address housing needs in rural Bedfordshire, as well as a wide range of other projects and services www.bedsrcc.org.uk

Oakley Parish Council has commissioned Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity (BedsRCC) to carry out an independent Housing Needs Survey to support the current and future Oakley Neighbourhood Development Plans. The survey aims to identify whether there is a shortage of suitable and affordable housing for people with a local connection to the parish, as well as to understand demand for market housing. Any affordable homes that may be developed as a result will be prioritised for those with a local connection to Oakley.

There are various types of affordable housing, perhaps most common is 'Affordable rental', where rent is capped at no more than 80% of market rent, 'Shared Ownership', where you can buy / mortgage a share in a property and pay rent to a Housing Association on the remainder. You can find out more about affordable housing and our rural housing work by visiting <http://bedsrcc.org.uk/rural-housing-enabler/> and reading our 'Frequently asked questions'.

Your views are vital to ensure that future housing meets local needs, and we would be very grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete the survey. It is important that you return your questionnaire regardless of personal need to ensure all views are taken into consideration. A separate form should be completed for each potential new household. Please contact Beds RCC (details below) if you require additional survey forms. Forms can also be sent to family members living away from Oakley who would like to return to the parish or people working in the parish but not currently living here.

Any housing needs identified could be in addition to those developments that have already been approved in the current and future Oakley Neighbourhood Development Plans.

The survey can also be completed online at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OakleyHousingNeedsSurvey> or scan the QR code at the end of this letter.

The information that you provide is confidential. **The report produced will not provide any personal information about individuals or households.** Once completed please return your survey in the freepost envelope provided by **Monday 9th February 2026.**

We usually aim to get the report to the Parish Council within 3/4 weeks of the survey return deadline and expect the results to be published towards the end of February / beginning of March 2026.

Yours sincerely

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Scan the QR code below to complete the on-line survey form

