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Dear Mr. Rowland

OAKLEY NDP

At the 4th June meeting of the Oakley Parish Council it was resolved to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the parish. A copy of the relevant resolution is attached.

Pursuant to this resolution and the ss61F and 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (the Act) and regulation 5 of Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (the Regulations) we therefore apply to the Borough to designate Oakley as a Neighbourhood Area. The attached map, derived from Ordnance Survey and Borough supplied data, shows the area applied for outlined in red. (Please note that it is the OS/Borough data that are to be used to define the area - the outlining is merely for information to indicate which boundaries are to be used.)

In accordance with regulation 5(b) we assert that it is desirable that whole of Oakley be designated as a Neighbourhood Area so that a more integrated approach to planning at the neighbourhood level can be achieved.

In accordance with regulation 5(c) we assert that Oakley Parish Council is the relevant body for the purposes of s61G of the Act.

Having regard to *inter alia* s61G(3)(a) the Act we believe the area applied for has not been already designated as a Neighbourhood Area and that the areas applied for by Oakley and neighbouring parishes do not overlap.

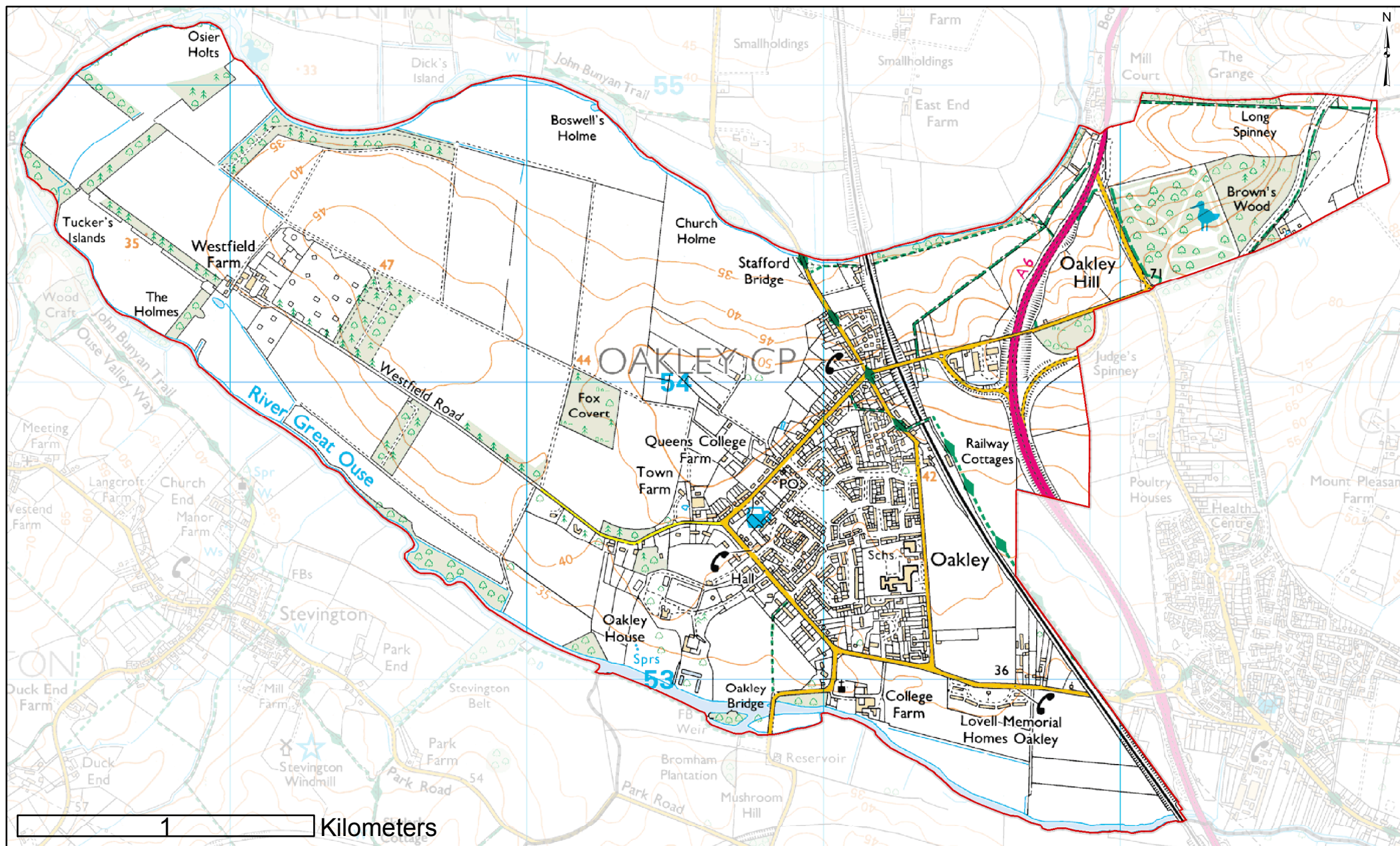
We look forward, in due course, to receiving your approval of this application.

Yours sincerely

Jane Walker (Chair)
Oakley Parish Council

Ann Paice (Clerk)

11. <u>Christmas Tree:</u>	<u>Action</u>
W. I. had advised that they had consulted the Association of Christmas Tree Growers and had decided that a donation towards new chairs for the Village Hall would be more beneficial for the village than a tree. They had requested Council's views. Amey had quoted £3,267.35 + VAT to supply and fit feeder pillars/trench and cables at Grange green and the High Street crossroads. Clerk had obtained quotations for 3-4m Norway Spruces of £395 + VAT but Council would need to collect and £554 + £96 delivery + VAT. Given the cost of the electrical connection, Council agreed not to purchase a new tree but put lights on the existing tree at the crossroads. Clerk to ask Bedford BC for a cheaper quotation for the electrical connection given that Council was not permitted to use another contractor.	Clerk
12. <u>Speed reduction measures in Oakley:</u>	<u>Action</u>
Clerk had formally requested Bedford BC to assess Church Lane, Lovell Road and Pavenham Road plus Highfield Road from the roundabout to the cross roads for speed reduction measures. Siemens engineers had visited the sites 04.06.13. and costings for the sites should be available for the July meeting. Cllr. Olney noted that Pavenham had requested a meeting with the Mayor to discuss speed cameras and she suggested Oakley join the meeting. Dates had yet to be arranged.	PO
13. <u>Neighbourhood Development Plan for Oakley:</u>	<u>Action</u>
Clerk had registered Council's interest with Bedford BC and been advised that Council should formally adopt the following resolution and apply to the Borough to designate Oakley as an NDP area using the form of words circulated. (a) To prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan (b) Pursuant to sections 61F (1) and (2) Town & Country Planning Act 1990 and regulation 5 Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 to apply to Bedford Borough Council for the designation of this parish as a Neighbourhood Area. Proposed by Cllr. Olney, seconded by Cllr. Sansom that resolution be adopted and formal application made to the Borough Resolved	Clerk
14. <u>Wetpour Repair:</u>	<u>Action</u>
One contractor had quoted £1,350 + VAT to cut back to 250mm and fill the shrunken area around the swings and £3,000 + VAT for areas around the multiplay, roundabout, log climb, slide, springy cup and seesaw. The price would be identical for either a coloured or black band. Another had orally quoted £3,100 for a black wavy band or £3,300 for a coloured wavy band around all equipment. Clerk to obtain a further quotation for consideration at July meeting.	Clerk
15. <u>Litter Bins:</u>	<u>Action</u>
Bedford BC had requested details of sites proposed for new or larger litter bins. Largest single bin had a 110 litre liner, a double bin had 2 x 180 litre liners. Councillors considered new bins were unnecessary if existing bins were emptied regularly and Clerk to pursue with Bedford BC.	
16. <u>Highways Matters:</u>	<u>Action</u>
a) Willow Vale Access Cllr. Olney reported that there was a problem with the Railtrack access which was being resolved. Highways would then provide costings for repairs. Cllrs. Bailey, Olney & Clerk to meet to discuss and Clerk to attend next meeting with Bedford BC.	RB/PO/ Clerk
b) Trimming grass from footways Grass cutting contractor had quoted £3.00 p.m. to trim and remove trimmings. Clerk to seek additional quotations.	<u>Action</u> Clerk
c) Street lighting in Pavenham Road To be considered in conjunction with speeding measures at July meeting.	<u>Action</u>
d) Clearing snow from footways Insurance company had confirmed that cover would be provided as long as Bedford BC grants permission for Council to grit/salt footways. Awaiting permission from Bedford BC. Three quotations had been received. One for £45.00 per hour + VAT for 2 operatives to carry out the work between 0.8.00am to 17.00 hours Monday - Friday, excluding weekends and Bank/National Holidays. In addition, grit/salt would cost £8.30 + VAT per 25kg and a spreader would have to be purchased at a cost of £290.00 + VAT which would remain the property of the Parish Council. Second quotation was for £20 p.h. per man for snow clearing plus cost of grit/salt.	<u>Action</u>



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Parish of Oakley

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