EXPRESS DEDICATION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH

BY BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL BY SIGNED STATEMENT AND PLAN

Date

23 August 2023

Relating to land owned by Bedford Borough Council in the Parish of Cotton End comprising the "Shocott Spring Path"

> Bedford Borough Council Borough Hall Cauldwell Street Bedford MK42 9AP

EXPRESS PUBLIC PATH DEDICATION BY SIGNED STATEMENT AND PLAN

THIS DEDICATION of a Public Footpath is made by Bedford BoroughCouncil on the23rd day of August 2023

In this Statement:

'the Plan'	means the plan annexed hereto and nominated PLAN1
'the Land'	means the land situate in the Parish of Cotton End at the
	Cotton End Forest Primary School, High Road Cotton
	End and at Rookery Farm, 32 High Road Cotton End and
	registered with freehold title absolute under the Land
	Registry Title numbered BD 246073
'the Right of Way'	means the path shown by an outline and cross hatching
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coloured pink on the Plan along the route described in the Schedule to this Statement

WHEREAS

(1) Title of Bedford Borough Council

BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL of Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street Bedford MK42 9AP ('the Council') is registered as proprietor with an absolute freehold title of the Land

(2) The Right of Way

Bedford Borough Council intends to dedicate the Right of Way as a Public Footpath in perpetuity.

(3) Needs of Agriculture and Forestry

The Council has given consideration to the needs of agriculture and forestry in recognition of the requirements of Section 29 of the Highways Act 1980.

(4) Consideration

The dedication of the Public Right of Way is made in consideration of the conditions contained below.

NOW IT IS HEREBY DECLARED pursuant to the common law.

1 Grant and Dedication

The Borough Council hereby dedicates for use by the public for the purpose of a public footpath the Right of Way to the intent that the public shall accept such dedication and the Right of Way be enjoyed by the public in perpetuity as a public footpath.

2 Public Footpath

The Right of Way shall become for the purposes of the Highways Act 1980 a public footpath.

3 Proof of Title

When necessary Bedford Borough Council shall prove its title to the said Strip of land as beneficial Owner in fee simple.

4 Condition

Bedford Borough Council will put and keep the Right of Way in a fit state for use by the public as a public footpath to such standards as may reasonably be required.

5 No fetter of discretion

Nothing (contained or implied) in this Statement shall fetter or restrict the Council's statutory rights, powers, discretions and responsibilities.

IN WITNESS whereof Bedford Borough Council has executed this Statement in the manner shown below and it has been delivered by them the day and year first before written

AUTHORITY FOR EX	ECUTION	
COUNCIL/COMMITTEE	MINUTE No.	DATE
DELEGATED POWER	By Whom Exercised Matthew D'Archambaud	DATE 23/08/23
	OFFICERS INITIALS	DATE
ORIGINATED AND CHECKED BY	АР	06/09/23
APPROVED BY	AQ	12/09/23

SCHEDULE 1

Description of Strip of Land Subject to the Dedication of the Public Footpath

A public Footpath in the Parish of Cotton End that commences at the western margin of the publicly maintained Borough Principle Road "High Road", Cotton End at a point opposite the property 53, High Road, Cotton End MK45 3AA approximately 34 metres west of the said property at Ordnance Survey Grid reference (OSGR) TL 0847/4546 shown as Point "A" on the Plan then running in a generally south-westerly and south-south-westerly direction for 310 metres to a point approximately 80 metres west of the westernmost balancing pond at Cotton End Forest Primary School, High Road, Cotton End MK45 3AG, this point being the western boundary of freehold land owned by Bedford Borough Council at OSGR TL 0828/4523 shown as point "B" on Plan 1 attached to the Statement.

The path shall have a width as surveyed by Ordnance Survey as shown outlined and cross-hatched pink on Plan 1 attached to the Statement between Points "A" and "B".

THE COMMON SEAL of the BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL was hereunto affixed in the presence of

> Wai K. Tsang Solicitor Legal Services Bedford Borough Council

Authorised Signatory

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