

Mr P Rowland
Bedford Borough Council
Planning Department
Borough Hall
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MK42 9AP

14 February 2013

Dear Mr Rowland,

Re: Bletsoe Parish – Neighbourhood Area Application

At the January meeting of Bletsoe 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 wish to apply to the Borough to designate Bletsoe 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 the whole of Bletsoe be designated as a Neighbourhood Area and that taken together with the applications for designations of other Neighbourhood Areas from neighbouring parishes made contemporaneously with this application a more integrated approach to planning at the neighbourhood level can be achieved.

In accordance with regulation 5(c) we affirm that Bletsoe 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 Bletsoe and neighbouring parishes do not overlap.

We look forward, in due course, to receiving your approval of this application and working with the Borough towards planning a better Bedford.

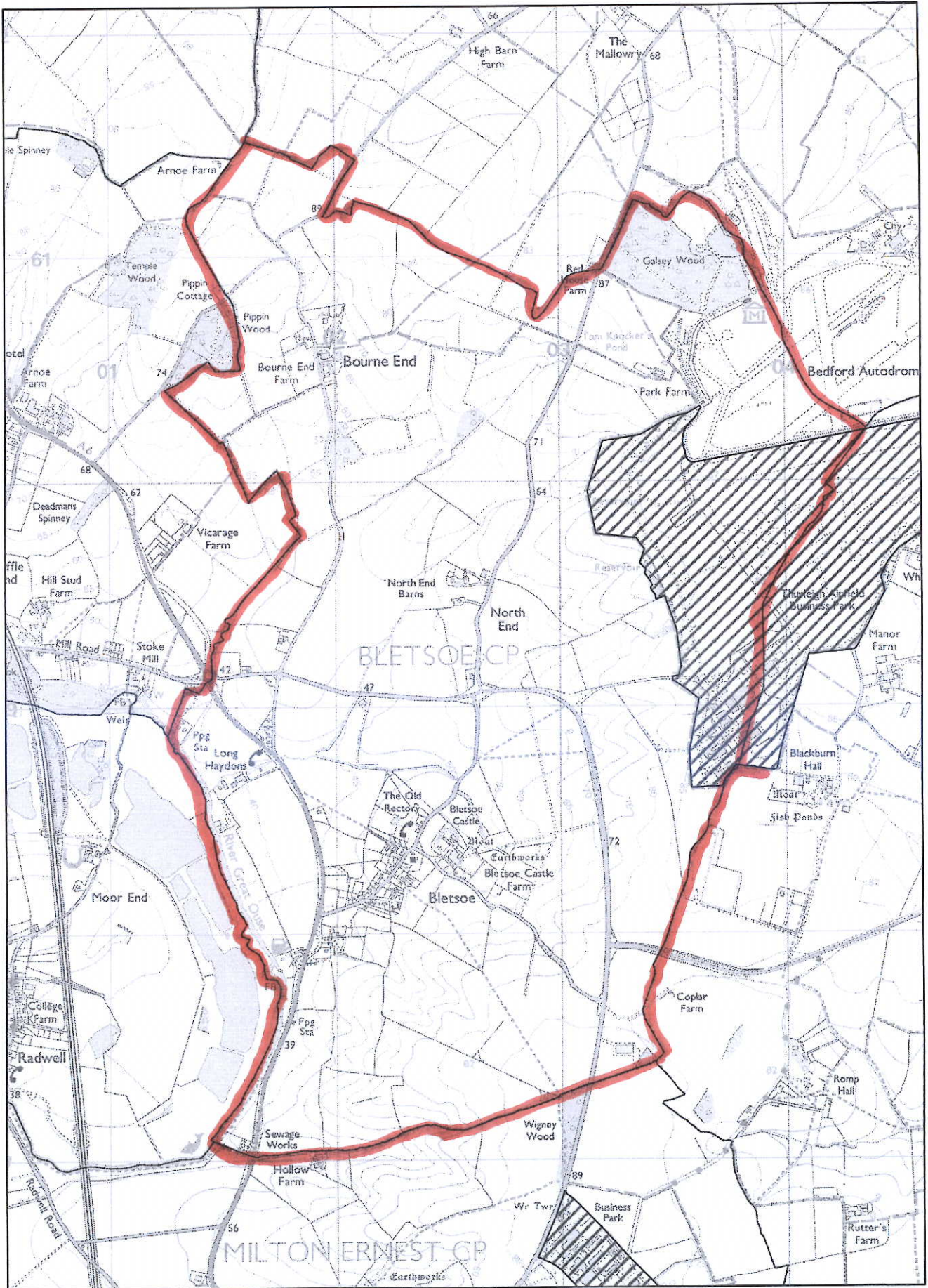
Yours faithfully



Ann Gibbons (Mrs)
Chair
Bletsoe Parish Council



Alison Southern
Clerk
Bletsoe Parish Council



Application for Designation of Bletsoe as Neighbourhood Area