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Compulsory Purchase Association Hearing 22 September 2021

Hearing Action Point 3

Current status of the land to the south and east of the current Black Cat roundabout in the Local Plan or other Policy documents; for instance, if the land has been identified in the site allocation plan or if it has any other policy backing for development.

Approximately 8 acres of the land to the west of the boundary is considered suitable for a sustainable employment use. The Scheme in the main seeks Temporary Possession of this land. A plan has previously been submitted on behalf of BBC (at the ExA's request) showing the relevant area.

Bedford Borough Council as the Local Planning Authority is process of preparing the local plan. The land has been submitted to the Bedford Local Plan Review call for sites (Site 1005 College Farm Black Cat Roundabout). BBC's planning authority has confirmed in writing that the land may fit with one of the emerging development strategy options. More widely they have confirmed that the A428 to Caxton Gibbet scheme would be relevant to the emerging local plan whichever spatial strategy option is selected. The selection of employment sites will be made having regard to this transport link (proximity and access to the strategic road network). ~