

## **Examination of the North Hertfordshire Local Plan (2011-2031)**

### **Examination hearing sessions**

#### **Statement of North Hertfordshire District Council**

##### **Matter 11 – The housing allocations and the settlement boundaries: the Category A villages - Oaklands**

***11.51 Oaklands is identified as a Category A village in Policy SP2. However, I am unclear as to the approach taken by the Plan to it. I ask that the Council explains this.***

The area of Oaklands within North Hertfordshire is a small part of the settlement of Oaklands and Mardley Heath which lies mainly within Welwyn and Hatfield District. The area of Oaklands in North Hertfordshire is bounded by the A1(M) in the west and the district boundary in the east. In the Submission Local Plan Welwyn and Hatfield Borough Council have identified Oaklands and Mardley Heath as a large village and the identification of this part of Oaklands in the North Hertfordshire Local Plan as a Category A village in SP2 is in line with and supports this designation.

A map showing the proposed settlement boundary for Oaklands is attached to this Statement as Appendix 1 to aid interpretation.

##### **Appendix 1: Current and proposed settlement extent of Oaklands**

Plan overleaf.



Oaklands



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