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Dear Mr Whitehead

#### STEEPLE CLAYDON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Thank you for your letter following your review of our plan and your visit to the village.

Regarding the land to the east of Rookery Way I had assumed that the land was part of the Claydon Estate. To clarify, and for consistency, it is the Claydon Estate in the ownership of the Verney family. I believe this land is in their ownership and will check with them.

Regarding the church field, it was the intention to designate the whole of the fields as LGS which includes the colonnade of trees to the east and the footpath which emerges onto the road at the S E corner of the field. There is temporary fencing in the field in preparation for a major power cable to be routed through the field. This may have given you the impression that these are separate, individual fields. This is not the case. Once the cable has been laid the field will be restored to its original condition, i.e. a single field. This is a very popular field with dog walkers as it is one of the few areas of land around which does not become a quagmire in winter. Also with the coming of HS2 the traditional walking routes in the valley area will be significantly disrupted.

I've attached a map extract identifying the boundary of the field for your information.

As we're in communication, the Inspector on the Buckingham Road development has overturned AVDC's rejection of the outline planning application for 95 houses. I am unclear of the impact that this will have on your view of our Neighbourhood Plan and I am in touch with our planning advisor regarding this matter.

Also, and this is the main reason for not having replied earlier, there has been an approach from Claydon Estates regarding the classification of the 2 allotments as LGS (2 and 3 in the Green Space report). In summary we are considering a request from them that we remove this classification in return for a formal tenancy agreement with the Steeple Claydon Horticultural Society.

There is currently no agreement in place and they have a meeting on Wednesday to consider this suggestion. We have a Parish Council EGM next Monday (14<sup>th</sup>) to review this position.

I hope this information is helpful and will keep you informed of developments on these matters.

Thank you for your work in reviewing our plan

Yours sincerely

Paul Firth

Parish Councillor and Neighbourhood Plan Team Leader

## PROPOSED LGS AREA BY THE CHURCH

The blue area indicates the extent of the proposed LGS

