

STATUTORY DECLARATION

I Richard George Bailey (Full Name)

of Bawdon Lodge Farm Nanpantan Loughborough Leicestershire LE12 9YE

make this statement in support of the Helen Jean Cope Charity's objection to the proposed additional Footpath on Pasture Land adjoining Leconfield Road, Nanpantan, Loughborough. Section 53 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 – Preliminary Consultation.

1. I Farm in partnership with my mother Mrs Patricia Bailey and we have farmed the Helen Jean Cope Charity's land holding on the outskirts of Loughborough, under a succession of Farm Business Tenancy Agreements since 1997, shown edged red on the plan attached at Appendix 1.
2. We stocked the field with 15-20 young dairy heifers during the grazing season from April to November each year.
3. We ceased milking and sold our dairy herd in 2000/2001 following which we sub-let the field off Leconfield Road to Richard Smith of Holywell Farm, Ashby Road Loughborough.
4. Prior to that date, the subject field suffered from trespass from local residents who would walk their dogs and use it as a short cut to Burleigh Wood. The dog walkers and members of the public could access the field by climbing over the short length of post and rail fence adjoining the fire damaged tree in the boundary adjoining Leconfield Road. Both I and my late father challenged trespasses on a number of occasions who had accessed the site 'by force' by climbing the fence..
5. I confirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief I did not witness any of those members of the public who trespassed on the land walking the specific route (shown on the Plan attached at Appendix 2 between the points A – E), which is the subject of this latest application. The most common route appeared to be a short cut from Leconfield Road north-westerly to Burleigh Wood.
6. We accessed the field via a farm track off Nanpantan Road which ran between Tudor Farmhouse (formerly Burleigh Farmhouse) and No. 231a Nanpantan Road (formerly the farm buildings for Burleigh Farm) and shown coloured yellow on the Plan attached at Appendix 3. This access was always secured by a padlocked gate.
7. There was no direct vehicular or pedestrian access to the field from Leconfield Road until the Charity constructed a new agricultural access in 2008 following planning permission being granted. The photographs attached at Appendix 4 show the new gateway and adjoining post and rail fencing.

- 8. Prior to 2008 the east boundary of the field comprised a mature hawthorn hedge with several mature native trees. There was a short length of post and rail fencing adjoining the fire damaged Oak Tree. The boundary was stock proof with no gaps and was inspected on a daily basis as part of the shepherding process.
- 9. I am aware of notices displayed by the Charity's Land Agent, Noel Manby, in June 2020 advising that the field is 'Private Property' etc etc. The notices were posted adjacent to the Leconfield Road access gate and the access adjoining Burleigh Wood as shown on the photographs at Appendix 5.

I believe that the facts and matters contained in this statement are true

Signature (of person making this statement) [Redacted Signature]

RICHARD GEORGE BAILEY

Date: 3rd November 2023

Witness signature: [Redacted Signature]

Witness: SHARMESH N. TANNA

Solicitor

Address: Commissioner for Oaths

S.R.A: 2378

Occupation: Moss Solicitors LLP

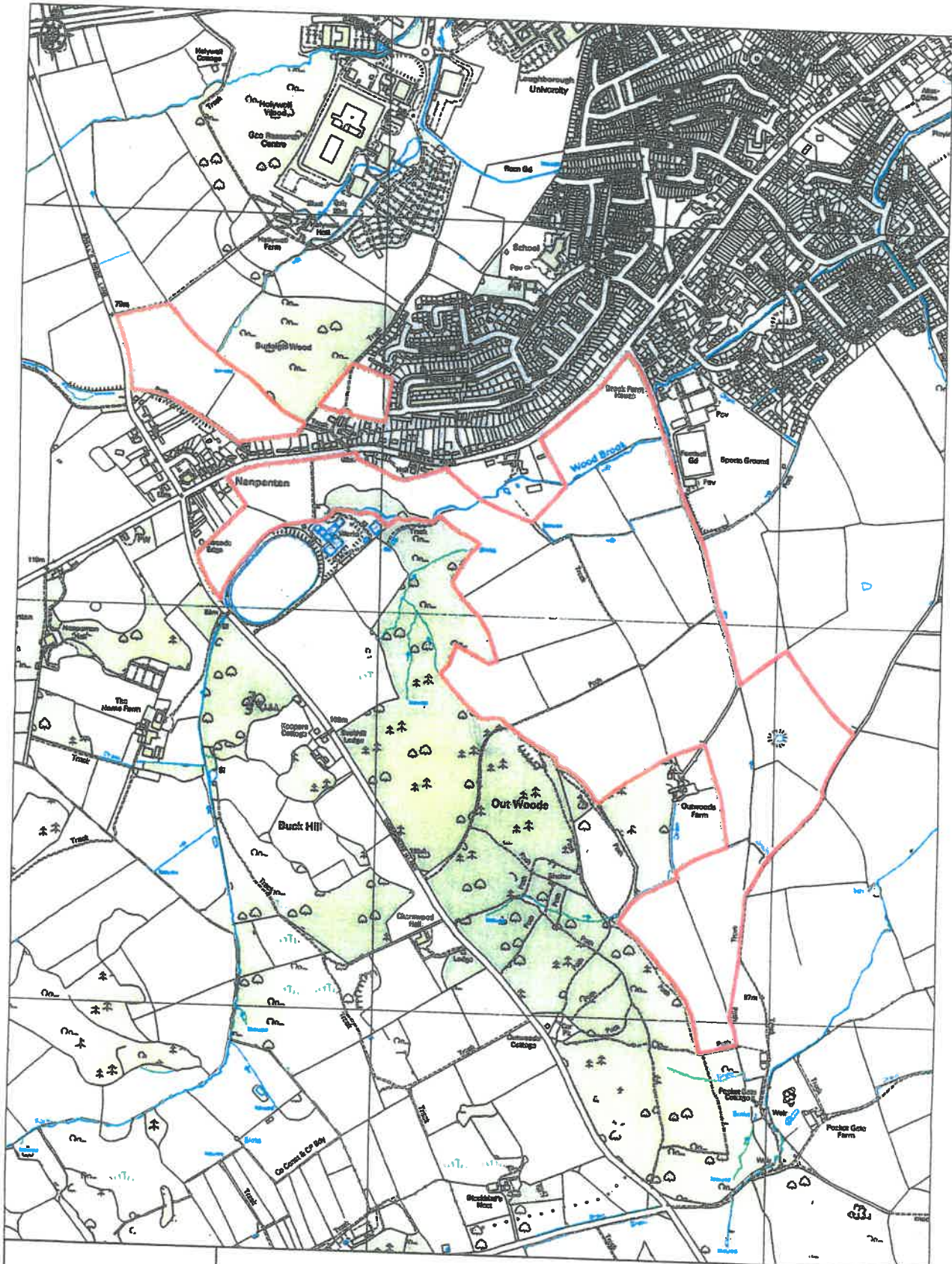
80-81 Woodgate

Loughborough

Leicestershire LE11 2XE

(N= legal adv'ce sought or given)

APPENDIX 1



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**Parks Farm & Adjoining Land
Nanpantan, Leicestershire**

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APPENDIX 2

Leicestershire County Council Proposed Addition of Public Footpath, Leconfield Road, Nantantan, Loughborough

Burleigh Wood

Montague Drive

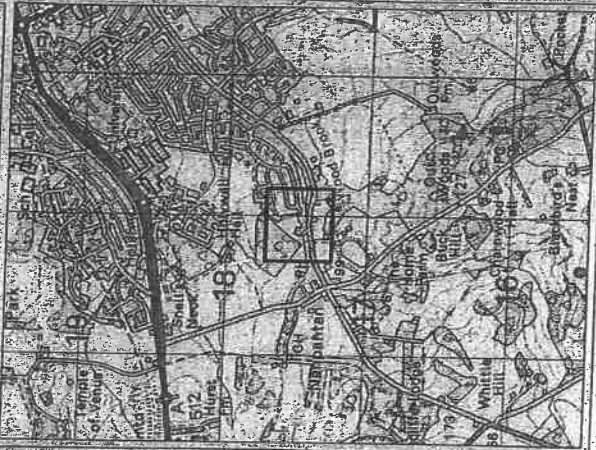
Lyne Dale Road

Leconfield Road

Nantantan Road

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Location Plan



Key

Public Footpath Proposed to be Added (A-B-C-D-E)

Environment & Transport Department
County Hall, Glenfield,
Leicestershire LE3 6RU
email: footpaths@leics.gov.uk
Director: Ann Gamulthers

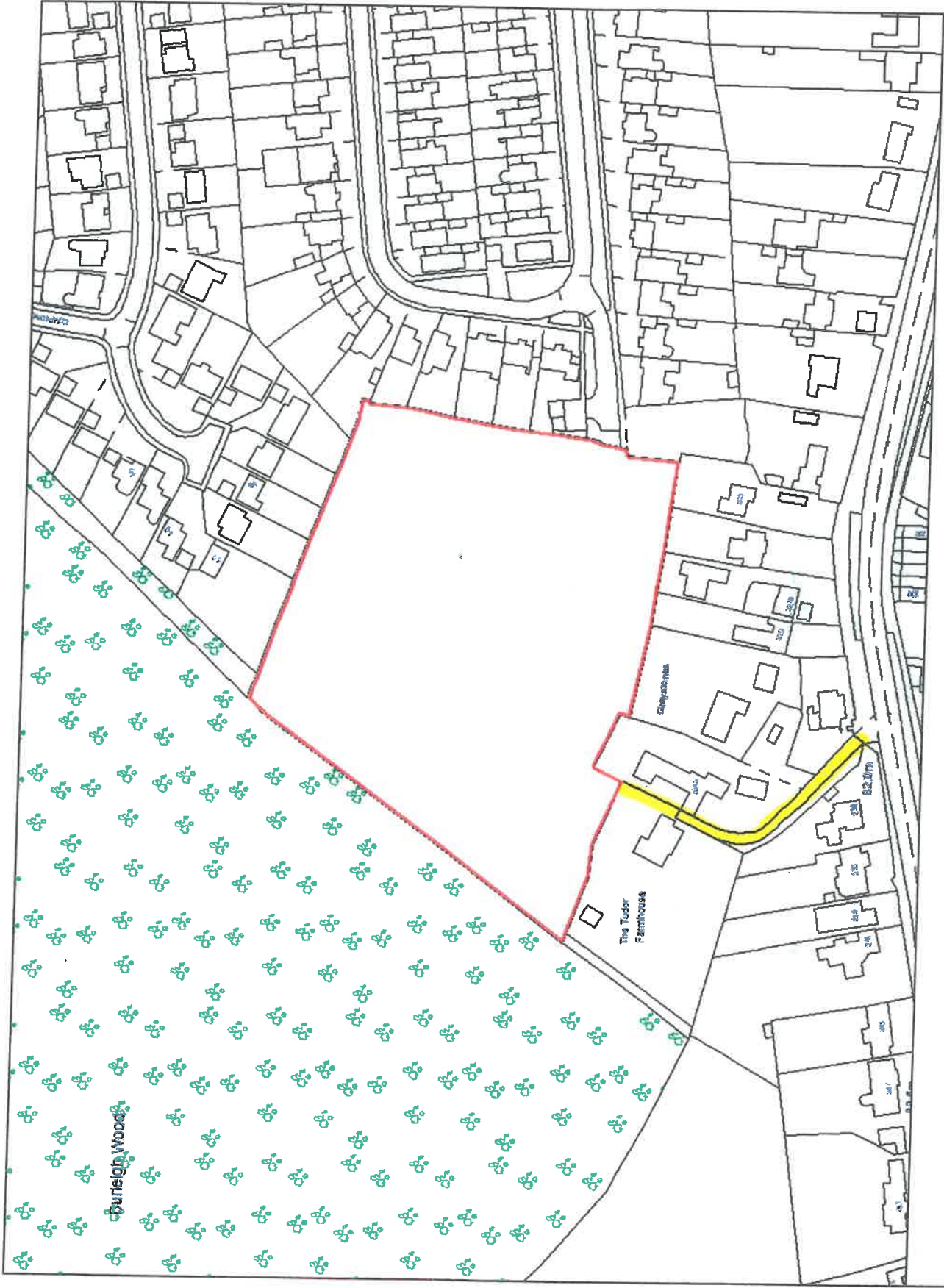


Leicestershire
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Plan No. M1269

Scale 1:2500

APPENDIX 3



Land at Leconfield Road, Loughborough, Leicestershire

Not to scale - for identification purposes only

APPENDIX 4

**New Gateway, Leconfield Road, Nanpanton
Photographs taken 17 June 2008**



APPENDIX 5

SIGNS AT LECONFIELD ROAD NANPANTAN – 17TH JUNE 2020



SIGNS AT LECONFIELD ROAD NANPANTAN – 21st JULY 2021



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