**Landowner Deposits – Protecting against future claims**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q:** How do you define a land parcel?

**A:** We define a single land parcel as:

- all land which is directly adjacent and
- can be continuously outlined, to meet back on itself, and
- has no break in ownership title.

You can include land registered under different title numbers with the land registry in one parcel, so long as:

- it is under the same ownership and
- the titles are adjacent to each other.

**Q:** Who can apply?

**A:** Either the landowner or a person authorised by the landowner may apply on the landowner’s behalf.

If the latter, you must state the name of the landowner and give the capacity in which you are applying, e.g. land agent.

**The person who makes the application must sign and complete Part F (Statement of Truth) of the application form.**

**Q:** Can I use a copy of the County Council’s Definitive Map as the map to show the land boundaries for my application?

**A:** Yes. You may use a copy extract of the Definitive Map on which to show in colour the outline of the relevant land parcel boundary/ies. You can find it online at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/definitivemap](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/definitivemap). The website also tells you where you can find paper copies.

The Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way, shows the legally recorded public rights of way in the County.
Q: Are Statements and/or Declarations linked with the land or the person who made the application?

A: They are attached to the land. The Statement and/or Declaration is valid until the expiry date associated with the deposit.

A new landowner (or their representative) does not need to send us a new application to continue protecting that land under the same deposit status.

We suggest new landowners (or their representatives) check our register www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/landownerdeposits to make sure any deposits on the land are still valid and have not lapsed.

Q: Can I search for previous Statements and/or Declarations which have been deposited on a piece of land?

A: Yes. You can find them in our online register of landowner statements and declarations at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/landownerdeposits (follow the link under the heading “Search for a Statement”).

Q: Why do you put up site notices?

A: We have a legal duty to advertise these deposits on our website. We also have a legal duty to advertise Landowner Statements on site at or near an obvious place of entry to, or on the boundary of, each parcel of land. The notices consist of the official notice and a copy of the map supplied with the deposit. They tell the public about your deposit but are not open for comment.

We will contact you before we put them up. We then collect them as soon as possible after the end of the 60 day legal advertising period.