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| **What do you want to know?** | History of the site | Age of the property | What the property was used for | About the people who owned/occupied it |
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| **Where is the property?** | Parish | Local Authority area | Address/location on map | |
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| **What do you already know?** |  | | | |
| **What sources have you already looked at?** | E.g. Beds Archives Website pages, OS maps online, Victoria County History, Heritage Gateway. | | | |
| **List of deeds or photographs to bring with you?** |  | | | |
| **List of document references from Beds Archives online catalogue** |  | | | |

| **3. Location** | **✓** | **References found** | **Docs**  **seen** | **Notes** |
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| 3.1.1 Ordnance Survey Maps |  |  |  |  |
| 3.1.2 Early Printed Maps |  |  |  |  |
| 3.1.3 Inclosure map and award |  |  |  |  |
| 3.1.4 Tithe maps and apportionments |  |  |  |  |
| 3.1.5 Estate Maps |  |  |  |  |
| 3.2 New Estate (Bedford Borough) |  |  |  |  |
| 3.3 Aerial Photographs |  |  |  |  |
| 3.4 Illustrations |  |  |  |  |
| 3.5 Deeds |  |  |  |  |

| **4. Construction** | **✓** | **References found** | **Docs**  **seen** | **Notes** |
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| 4.1 Local Authority building plans |  |  |  |  |
| 4.2 Architects’ drawings |  |  |  |  |
| 4.3 Auction and Estate Agents records |  |  |  |  |
| 4.4 Rating Valuations |  |  |  |  |

| **5. Owners and Occupiers** | **✓** | **References found** | **Docs**  **seen** | **Notes** |
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| 5.1 Register of electors |  |  |  |  |
| 5.2 Printed directories |  |  |  |  |
| 5.3 Census |  |  |  |  |
| 5.4 Rating records |  |  |  |  |
| 5.5 Land Tax |  |  |  |  |
| 5.6.1 Deeds |  |  |  |  |
| 5.6.2 Wills |  |  |  |  |
| 5.6.3 Manorial Court Rolls |  |  |  |  |
| 5.6.4 Parish Registers |  |  |  |  |
| 5.6.5 Other Parish Records |  |  |  |  |
| 5.6.6 Quarter Sessions Rolls |  |  |  |  |

| **6. Buildings and their use** | **✓** | **References found** | **Docs**  **seen** | **Notes** |
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| 6.1 Farms |  |  |  |  |
| 6.2 Public Houses and Beer Houses |  |  |  |  |
| 6.3 Manor Houses |  |  |  |  |
| 6.4 Parsonages |  |  |  |  |
| 6.5 Schools |  |  |  |  |
| 6.6 Police Stations |  |  |  |  |
| 6.7 Children’s Homes |  |  |  |  |
| 6.8 Post Offices |  |  |  |  |
| 6.9 Railway stations |  |  |  |  |
| 6.10 Shops and Industrial Premises |  |  |  |  |

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