

Building Relationships



Statement of Community Involvement Land South of Green Lane, Chesterton April 2022

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## Introduction

This Statement of Community Involvement has been prepared to support Wates Developments ('The Applicant') planning application to Cherwell District Council for up to 150 low-carbon sustainable new homes in Chesterton, on Land South of Green Lane.

Following engagement with residents, Chesterton Parish Council and planned engagement with Cherwell District Council, Wates Developments is now seeking an application for up to 150 low-carbon homes, provided alongside new parkland and football pitches, new trees and landscaping, biodiversity enhancements and drainage infrastructure.

The Applicant has instructed SP Broadway to assist with community engagement regarding these proposals, to brief locally elected representatives and to notify local residents.

We have undertaken extensive engagement with the relevant local stakeholders and will be holding conversations with the Local Ward councillors and the planning portfolio holder.

With the upcoming local elections in Cherwell District Council, the councillor have indicated that they may wish to meet after the 5<sup>th</sup> May. With Covid-19 restrictions lifted the manner in which we engaged with residents and the Parish Council were not impacted by Covid and these were undertaken face to face.

On April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, an in-person public consultation was held giving residents an opportunity to provide their feedback on the proposed scheme. As a result of engagement with both political and community stakeholders, the project team have been able to address areas of concern with local residents.

This report outlines the consultation process for the development of up to 150 homes at the Land South of Green Lane, Chesterton and should be read in conjunction with other documents supporting the application.

## Context to the consultation process

## National planning policy

National planning policy

Paragraph 39 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2021) states that:

'Early engagement has significant potential to approve the efficiency and effectiveness of the planning application system for all parties. Good quality pre-application discussion enables better coordination between public and private resources and improved outcomes for the community.'

Section 122 of the Localism Act (2011) states that:

'Where (a) a person proposes to make an application for planning permission for the development of any land in England, and (b) the proposed development is of a description specified in a development order, the person must carry out consultation on the proposed application'

## Local planning policy

Cherwell District Council's Statement of Community Involvement (2021) states that:

'In any submission which has included pre-application consultation, the Applicant should set out: what consultation was undertaken; and how any and all comments received have been addressed in the evolution of their design and the detail of their proposals.'

## The Consultation Process

SP Broadway has facilitated discussions between Wates Developments and a range of stakeholders. The stakeholders contacted are as follows:

- Cllr Barry Wood, Leader of Cherwell District Council and Fringford and Heyfords Ward councillor, Conservative
- Cllr Colin Clarke, Lead Member for Planning, Cherwell District Council, Conservative
- Cllr George Reynolds, Chair of Planning Committee, Cherwell District Council, Conservative
- Cllr Patrick Clarke, Fringford and Heyfords Ward councillor, Conservative
- Cllr Ian Corkin, Fringford and Heyfords Ward councillor and Ploughey District Councillor, Conservative
- Chesterton Parish Council
- Steve Honey, Chairman of Chesterton Football Club

## **Political consultation**

## Chesterton Parish Council

The project team met with Cllr Peter Clarke, Cllr Fiona Rowe, Cllr Andrew Thomas and Cllr Sarah Kearney on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 in person.

We discussed the development with the possibility of including allotments as well as increasing biodiversity and carbon sustainable homes. The meeting discussed the proposals in detail covering topics such as design, ecology, and landscaping.

The councillors were very keen to highlight the shortage of playing fields in Chesterton, in particular football pitches, and if this could be incorporated into the site over allotments, this would be beneficial to the site. This led us to reach out to Chesterton Football Club.

## **Cllr Barry Wood**

Cllr Barry Wood was offered a meeting and stated that he would be amenable to a meeting after the local elections. Both **Cllr Patrick Clarke** and **Cllr Ian Corkin** were CC'd on his response.

## **Cllr George Reynolds**

Cllr George Reynolds was offered a meeting and we will look to arrange this as soon as possible.

## **Cllr Patrick Clarke**

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## Cllr lan Corkin

Cllr Ian Corkin was offered a meeting and we will look to arrange this as soon as possible.

## **Community consultation**

## Steve Honey, Chairman of Chesterton Football Club

The project team met with Steve Honey, the Chairman of Chesterton Football Club on the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at the ground of Chesterton Football Club. We discussed the development and the proposals for further playing fields on the Land South of Green Lane. Steve Honey highlighted that further improvements to the Pavilion, parking spaces, football pitches and potentially a tennis court would be beneficial to the local community.

Steve Honey highlighted that with Chesterton Football Club currently having 17active teams with over 300 players across all age groups, from Under 7 to Senior Adults, the benefits would be far reaching. However, with only one pitch available to the team, they currently have to hire out pitches at a great cost in nearby Bicester Sports Association. Steve Honey stated that with increased sports pitches and facilities this would increase the amount of participants significantly.

## Public Exhibition 12<sup>th</sup> April 3:00pm – 7:30pm

The public exhibition took place at Chesterton Community Hall from 3pm to 7:30pm on the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

The purpose of this exhibition was to display the proposed development of the Land South of Green Lane, Chesterton, whilst highlighting the landscape-led scheme and asking for recommendations on provisions that could be provided that could help the village of Chesterton.

An invitation letter (see Appendix 2) was sent out to 437 local households (see Appendix 3) in the village of Chesterton inviting them to attend the public exhibition on the 12<sup>th</sup> April or if they were unable to attend, they were invited to view the online exhibition and encouraged to respond via the website.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> April, 72 local residents attended the public exhibition, including two Parish councillors, Cllr Tony Thompson and Cllr Andrew Thomas.

Of the 72 attendees, 15 completed a feedback form on the day.(see appendix 5)

According of the 2011 Census, there are 850 residents in Chesterton. The below figures are a percentage of who attended and responded to the public exhibition.

Total number of residents: 850 (according to 2011 Census) Attended: 8.4% Completed feedback forms: 21% (those who attended) (see appendix 6)

The following responses to the survey are below:

## 1. What improvements/ benefits should be delivered on a new housing development in Chesterton?

Public open space	40%	Affordable housing	33.33%
Sports facilities	33.33%	Ecological improvements	26.67%
Improvements to schools	53.33%	Foot and cycle path improvements	80%
Improvements to public transport	46.67%	Children's play area	26.67%

## 2. What is it most important provision to provide in the new parkland?

Adult football pitches	6.67%	Basketball and netball courts	40%
Junior pitches	20%	Green open space	73.33%
Multi-use areas for tennis	40%	Walking routes	60%

## 3. How could the development reduce CO2 emissions most effectively?

Solar panels	60%	Electric car charging points	33.33%
Thermally efficient housing	60%	Car-sharing scheme	0%
Air/ ground-source heating systems	40%	Funding to support the bus route	40%

## 4. What can the development do to promote walking and cycling in the village?

Secure bicycle storage	0%	Traffic calming measures	33.33%
Improvements to local streets/ pavements	60%	Connections to existing cycle routes	66.67%

## 5. What types of houses do you believe are needed in Chesterton?

Homes for first time buyers	40%	Larger family homes	33.33%
Affordable housing	40%	Bungalows for elderly people	53.33%

## 6. How can the development help improve the local ecology

Planting new woodland	73.33%	Bird and bat boxes	40%
Creating ponds	60%	'Insect hotels'	33.33%
Wildflower grassland	66.67%		

## **Comments**

We also asked for other comments on the feedback form and got a feel for key issues from conversations during the public exhibition. The key issues that repeatedly came up were:

- Improvements to pavements and walking routes to Bicester
- Provision of a shop in Chesterton
- Hedgehog houses and highways
- Primary school places
- Cycle lanes and public transport

The key topics that were both stated in the feedback form as well as responses that were highlighted to us in person as the exhibition, were issues such as: Five residents commented on the need to improve pavements and walking routes to Bicester. Three residents stated that they would like a shop in Chesterton village. Three residents mentioned that Hedgehog houses and highways would help increase the biodiversity of the site. Five residents were concerned about the amount of primary school places. Six residents highlighted that better access through cycle lanes and public transport was needed between Chesterton and Bicester Village. Two residents stated that they would very much like to see tennis courts as a provision.

1. Improve pavements and walking routes to Bicester

Residents would like to see improvements to the pavements and walking routes to Bicester as they believe the current provisions are dangerous and it is only suitable for people to drive to Bicester.

2. A shop would be welcomed, as there is not one in Chesterton

Residents highlighted that a village shop that provided basic provisions in Chesterton would be very welcome as the closes shop is Tesco in Bicester Village and if you don't have a car it is a long way to go if you just want basic provisions like milk, eggs and bread.

3. Hedgehog houses and highways

Including hedgehog houses and highways around the development and in gardens was seen by residents as a good way of promoting biodiversity.

4. Consideration needs to be taken for the capacity of the local primary school

Residents were concerned that the expanded primary school in Chesterton wouldn't have enough capacity if extra children were to move into the area.

5. Village needs to link to Bicester more efficiently through bus and safe cycle lanes

Links to Bicester Village through bus and safe cycle lanes were seen as important inclusions as the public transport offerings are limited and the current cycle lanes are deemed dangerous by residents.

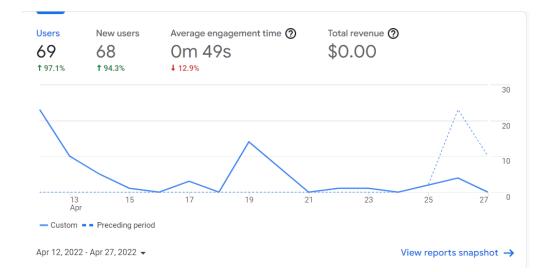
6. A designated public tennis court would be beneficial as it would also encourage girls to play sport.

Whilst there was support for football pitches, tennis courts were seen as an important inclusion as it offers girls to play sport as well.

## Online Exhibition 12th April – 29th April

To accommodate the rising number of Covid cases and some people's hesitation to attend public meetings, we also ran an online exhibition. Similarly to the in-person exhibition, the purpose of the online exhibition was to display the proposed development of the Land South of Green Lane, Chesterton, whilst highlighting the landscape-led scheme and asking for recommendations on provisions that could be provided that could help the village of Chesterton.

In total between 12<sup>th</sup> April – 29<sup>th</sup> April. <u>www.wateschesterton.com</u> received 69 visits:



A letter was sent out to 437 local households in the village of Chesterton inviting them to attend the public exhibition on the 12<sup>th</sup> April residents were also advised to attend the online exhibition in this letter.

The site contained information and imagery about the proposals across ten pages (see Appendix 1):

- 1. Home
- 2. Land South of Green Lane Today
- 3. Our Proposals & Masterplan
- 4. Design & Character
- 5. Biodiversity & Climate Change
- 6. Open Space & Landscaping
- 7. Access & Transport
- 8. Drainage
- 9. Key Benefits
- 10. Your Views

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Wates Developments are preparing proposals for sustainable new homes in Chesterton, on Land South of Green Lane. The landscape-led scheme will deliver new sports facilities and parkland, alongside much-needed homes.

At this stage, we envisage that the proposals could include an extension to the playing fields, including new football pitches, together with woodland planting and ecological improvements. This green infrastructure would accompany up-to 150 low-carbon homes for first-time buyers, key workers, alongside larger homes for families.

This website has been created for residents of Chesterton to view Wates's initial proposals for the site, and to provide feedback directly to the project team.

## A screenshot of the consultation website 'Home' page

Telephone and email contact details were provided for James Newhall of SP Broadway at the bottom of every page:



Contact details as they appeared at the bottom of every page of the consultation website

Of the 69 unique visitors to the website, 7 completed a feedback form online.

The following responses to the survey are below:

## 1. What improvements/ benefits should be delivered on a new housing development in Chesterton?

Public open space	85.71%	Affordable housing	0%
Sports facilities	14.28%	Ecological improvements	14.28%
Improvements to schools	42.85%	Foot and cycle path improvements	57.14%
Improvements to public transport	42.85%	Children's play area	14.28%

## 2. What is it most important provision to provide in the new parkland?

Adult football pitches	14.28%	Basketball and netball courts	14.28%
Junior pitches	14.28%	Green open space	57.14%
Multi-use areas for tennis	28.57%	Walking routes	71.42%

## 3. How could the development reduce CO2 emissions most effectively?

Solar panels	42.85%	Electric car charging points	42.85%
Thermally efficient housing	28.57%	Car-sharing scheme	0%
Air/ ground-source heating systems	42.85%	Funding to support the bus route	42.85%

## 4. What can the development do to promote walking and cycling in the village?

Secure bicycle storage	0%	Traffic calming measures	14.28%
Improvements to local streets/ pavements	71.42%	Connections to existing cycle routes	28.57%

## 5. What types of houses do you believe are needed in Chesterton?

Homes for first time buyers	28.57%	Larger family homes	14.28%
Affordable housing	14.28%	Bungalows for elderly people	42.85%

## 6. How can the development help improve the local ecology

Planting new woodland	71.42%	Bird and bat boxes	28.57%
Creating ponds	42.85%	'Insect hotels'	14.28%
Wildflower grassland	57.14%		

## **Comments**

We also asked for other comments on the feedback form and got a feel for key issues from conversations during the public exhibition. The key issues that repeatedly came up were:

- Primary school places
- Public transport
- A commercial kitchen in the Community Centre

The key topics that were both stated in the feedback form as well as responses that were highlighted to us on the online feedback form, were issues such as: Five residents were concerned about the amount of primary school places. Four residents highlighted that better access through public transport was needed between Chesterton and Bicester Village. One resident commented that a new commercial kitchen in the Community Centre would be of great benefit.

## 1. Primary school places

Residents were concerned that the expanded primary school in Chesterton wouldn't have enough capacity if extra children were to move into the area.

2. Public Transport

Links to Bicester Village through an increase in public bus routes were seen as important inclusions as the public transport offerings are limited at the moment.

3. A commercial kitchen in the Community Centre

Installing a commercial kitchen in the Community Centre was seen as a positive as it would enable the community centre to be used for larger functions, which in turn could increase the revenue for the parish council.

# How the scheme has changed as a result of the community engagement

Prior to the consultation period, Wates Developments envisioned building 150 homes with some open space for allotments.



The original master plan can be seen below:

As the original master plan shows, there was significant development in the Eastern field with the rest of the field giving over to allotments.

As a result of the community engagement, the scheme has changed significantly.

After speaking to Chesterton Parish Council, they expressed that there were already a surplus of allotments within the village and it would be better served to use this space for sports fields for the local community. New plans were drawn up as a result of this meeting, which included three separate proposals to incorporate playing fields and other potential sports facilities.

At the public consultation, access was highlighted as one of the major issues facing the development. As a result, significant improvements have been made to the access and points, significantly reducing the impact on existing residents.

This can now be seen in the below drawing where is show that the internal road has now flipped from Eastern boundary to the Western boundary, creating more of a buffer to the existing dwellings, and more comprehensive landscaping to provide a stronger boundary to those homes whose rear gardens back onto the proposed park.



## Summary

SP Broadway has concluded its programme of stakeholder and community engagement on behalf of Wates Developments.

Our extensive consultation with both community and political stakeholders throughout the spring of 2022 has helped inform the final submission for a landscape and community led development in Chesterton.

The proposals for the site have changed significantly throughout the community engagement process. Having liaised with local stakeholders it was clear that allotments would not benefit the local community as there were a number in the village already. However, throughout the process it was clear that further sporting provision would be beneficial to the community, including football pitches and a tennis court. These provisions have been incorporated into the master plan as well as leaving an entire field for biodiversity and sports pitches.

Wates Developments has gone to great lengths to engage the community. As the planning situation progresses Wates Developments will continue to liaise with stakeholders to understand other comments and points of view.

## Appendices



Appendix 1: Distribution radius of letter to residents highlighting the redevelopment

Appendix 2: Letter to residents highlighting the development and an invitation to attend the public exhibition or respond via the website.





5 April 2022

Dear Sir / Madam,

### Invitation to view proposals regarding new homes on land South of Green Lane, Chesterton

Wates Developments is holding a public exhibition regarding proposals for a highly sustainable scheme of up to 150 open market and affordable homes, alongside new green infrastructure, public open space, landscaping and biodiversity enhancements on land South of Green Lane, Chesterton.

The Wates Developments is keen for residents to take a look at the proposals for land South of Green Lane and provide feedback before an outline planning application is submitted to Cherwell District Council.

## The Wates Group will be hosting the public exhibition on Tuesday 12 April between 3:00pm – 7:30pm at The Chesterton Community Centre, 2 Geminus Road, Chesterton OX26 1BJ.

Alongside the public exhibition we will be running an online exhibition for anyone who is unable to make the public exhibition. From midday on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022, a new website, <u>www.wateschesterton.com</u> will go live, explaining the proposals and providing an online feedback form that you can fill in and submit to us with the click of a button. We would be grateful if you could <u>take a look</u> at the proposals and submit your feedback by midday on 29 April 2022.

We very much hope you will come along to the public exhibition or visit the website and take a look at the proposals and fill in the feedback form either in person or online to let us know your views. If you have any problems accessing the website from 12th April, or if you have any queries about the consultation generally, do not hesitate to contact us on 07809 669 387 or at james@spbroadway.com. SP Broadway has been appointed by Wates Developments to assist with the consultation for these proposals.

Yours faithfully,

John Tarvit

John Tarvit Director of Planning, Wates Developments Appendix 3: Letter to political stakeholders highlighting the development and an invitation to attend the public exhibition or to view the website





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Representatives from both the Wates and Boyer Planning and members of the project team will be on-hand to explain and discuss the site in more detail and to answer any questions you might have.

## We very much hope you will attend our public exhibition of our plans between 3.00pm and 7.30pm on Tuesday 12 April at The Chesterton Community Centre, 2 Geminus Road, Chesterton OX26 1BJ.

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John Tarvit Director of Planning, Wates Group Appendix 4: Board displayed at the public exhibition, held on April 12<sup>th</sup> at Chesterton Community Hall



### WELCOME

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### THE SITE

Land South of Green Lane covers an area of approximately 14.8 hectares and is located to the south west corner of Chesterton, between the Bicester Sports Association and the Vespasian Way housing development, and extending east to the south of the Community Centre Green.

The site is considered suitable for development and is not subject to any significant constraints. It lies outside of the Conservation Area and the new homes would not affect the setting of Listed Buildings.

The site is at a low risk of flooding and is free from any statutory landscape designations and is not ecologically constrained. The land relates well to Chesterton and development to the south west of the village would not diminish the gap towards Ricester. Growth to the west / south west of Chesterton would also be consistent with the pattern of recent development in the village.

### CONSULTATION

Wates is seeking views on the proposals for local residents, to help inform the emerging proposals.

Please feel free to ask a member of the project team any questions and do fill out one of our feedback forms. For further information, you can visit our project website: www.watechestertan.com



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## **ABOUT WATES**

### 125 YEARS OF QUALITY

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WATES DEVELOPMENTS

Wates Developments, part of Wates Group, specialises in land, planning and residential development. The business focuses on securing land and delivering planning consents in sustainable town and country locations in which there is high demand.

Wates Developments made important planning progress throughout 2020, with key planning applications, appeals and local plan allocations. The business now holds a growing portfolio of potential development sites at various stages of planning capable of delivering over 12,000 homes over the next 10 years. At present there are cises to 2,000 consented and under-development homes in Joint Ventures with housebuilder partners.





## THE PROPOSALS AND MASTERPLAN

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MASTERPLAR AND PROPOSALS Wates Developments is applying to Cherwell District Council for outline planning permission. This means that the design of individual buildings will be fixed at a later stage in the process. However, key design principles will be informed by the work currently taking place. A Design and Access Statement will accompany the application, alongside a comprehensive suite of technical surveys and assessments.

- The key features of the masterplan include Up to 150 new low carbon homes designed to meet generational needs
- Approximately 45 affordable homes (30% of the total development) .
- Vehicular access from Green Lane only (to the north of the site)
- Green transport links and improvements to existing cycle routes
- New sport pitches and facilities, the configuration of which will be informed by this consultation







## DESIGN AND CHARACTER

### LAND SOUTH OF GREEN LANE, CHESTERTON

### HOMES FOR THE FUTURE

Wates' proposals for Land South of Green Lane incorporates a variety of house types and tenures, including 30% affordable housing provision.

The scheme has been designed with residents' needs in mind, allowing for the new homes to accommodate different lifestyles, age groups and needs. This includes providing dedicated space for home working, space for guests and attractive and varied outdoor spaces for each home.

All homes will incorporate energy standards to be energy positive and carbon neutral – meaning the development will provide more energy than they consume.

EXAMPLES OF HOME STUDIOS AND COURTYARDS -

### BUFF STONES AND FACADE

Local Cotswold limestone is proposed as the primary material for the housing to reflect the facade of existing homes in Chesterton. This stone will be used throughout the development to reflect the stone walling which is typical of the Chesterton Conservation Area.

### SLATE THES

Welsh Slate Tiles are proposed to be used for the roof to be in keeping with roof materials commonly used in the Chesterton Conservation Area.







### COBBLE SETTS PAVING

Land South of Green Lane will incorporate cobble setts paving such as granite for the shared surface of the lanes in a nod to the historic character of the lanes in Chesterton Village

### RED BRICK FEATURES

In addition to Buff stones red brick is proposed for features and variation in the housing. Brick was commonly used in Chesterton in housing from the 20th century and to housing additions to older buildings in the local area.







## **BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE**





### LOW CA

LOW CAREON HOMES All new homes are designed to be thermally efficient employing 'passivhaud' measures and a 'fabric-first' approach, in order to reduce heat loss. There will also be a substantial amount of photovoltaic (solar) panels across the site and domestic heating systems will be based on air and/ or ground-source heat pumps as appropriate.

The new homes will therefore be low carbon, limiting their footprint on the environment. All new homes will be fitted with Electric Vehicle charging points.

### SHARED ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Cherwell District Council has declared a climate emergency and is putting in place policies to require all new buildings to be green, low carbon and energy efficient. Wates Developments is committed to supporting these principles through its proposals on Land south of Green Lane

Across the organisation, Wates has committed to eliminating waste and carbon from its operations by 2025, well ahead of the Governments own environmental targets. The company has committed to three boid targets to help ensure it does zero harm to the environment:

The site is dominated by two large arable fields with pockets of woodland on the boundaries. Where possible, the proposals will retain and protect all areas of hedgerows, trees and woodland. These areas have the highest ecological value within the Site and are most likely to benefit from biodiversity enrichment

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Existing trees along the northern and eastern boundary will be retained including an important cluster of boundary trees which are adjacent to the conservation area. There are a handful of trees to the southern extents of the site, including a Category A oak tree which will be protected.



2025 Wates aims to reduce and then eliminate the production of all waste created from on-Site operations.

Zero carbon from Wates operation operational vehicles by 2025 Wates aims to reduce carbon emissions from Scope 1 and 2 operations and to become carbon neutral

Positive operations Wates aims to enhance the natural environment wherever it operates and to increase the value and community benefit of natural environments.





## **OPEN SPACE AND** LANDSCAPING

### SPORTS PITCHES

The development proposals walking routes, a play area and incorporates a new area of parkland, within the eastern field. This will include new football pitches, alongside new village residents and the local

walking routes, a play area and football team, have access to a sporting facility which is free to use. Below, the project team have designed three potential options for the layout of these new facilities and open space.



### LANDSCAPED LANES

The lanes will have a more rural and intimate character rural and intimate character with low level planting and stone garden walls which end with a south facing view onto the meadow walks or woodland.

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MEADOW WALKS The Meadow Walks are linear green parks between the lanes of housing which will provide biodiversity opportunities and a visual break between smaller areas of housing to reflect the more rural village setting.

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EXAMPLES OF THE LANDSCAPED LANES AND MEADOW WALKS



The existing lines of trees to Green Lane and the western corner of the site will be reinforced with further mature trees which will provide a natural screen to the development on approach to the village from the west.

A new area of woodland is A new area or wooddana is proposed at the southern edge of the site which is intended to provide a soft boundary and limit between the development and the village of



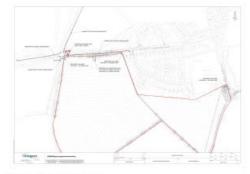


## ACCESS AND TRANSPORT

### LAND SOUTH OF GREEN LANE, CHESTERTON

### ACCESS

Vehicular access will be taken from Green Lane to the north of the site, via a new 'T' junction. In terms of traffic impacts, it has been calculated that the proposals would result in a maximum increase of 80 vehicle movements in the peak morning and evening periods on a weekday with substantially thever trips across other periods of the day. This equates to an average increase of fewer than one vehicle movement per minute during the busiest periods of the day. Once traffic has been distributed on the local highway network the impact will decrease away from the site. A full Transport Assessment will be carried out to test the impact of the development which will identify any mitigation measures that may be needed.



The site benefits from misting links to Bicester and elsewhere. This includes:

- Connecting in to the existing footpath and cycle to Bicester, which we intend to improve as part of the development, linking into rail services to London, Oxford and Birmingham.
- 10 minutes cycling time to Bicester and 30 minute walking Bicester Park and Ride is
- Bicester Park and Ride is located a 5-minute cycle ride away from the site and provides free car and cycle parking





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## DRAINAGE

### LAND SOUTH OF GREEN LANE, CHESTERTON

Land South of Green Lane is located within Flood Zone 1 meaning the site is at the lowest risk of flooding from rivers and streams. Risk from groundwater flooding is also considered to be low to moderate. There is a small area of low to high risk surface water flooding in the south west of the site however, this is located away from the proposed development and will be mitigated through provision of the new proposed surface water drainage system.



An existing drainage ditch which bisects across the midway point of the site and follows the eastern boundary with the dwellings on Vespasian Road, will be retained, and be given ample space either side within the public realm.







Example of SUDs (sustainable urban drainage systems) pond, which will be part of the drainage solution for the Site. SUDs ponds help deal with run-off of rain water.

Above are images of the existing drainage ditch and landscape which can also be used for helping to deal with water run-off.





## **YOUR VIEWS AND** WHAT'S NEXT?

The main goal of the exhibition today has been to hear the views and feedback from residents to help shape the final proposals. Please use the feedback forms provided, which you can complete and hand in today or take

away and use the Freepost address to send back to us by Friday 25th April.

We are particularly keen to hear views regarding the following aspects of the emerging proposals:

- · What improvements/ benefits should be delivered on a new housing development in Chesterton
- + What is it most important provision to provide in the new parkland
   How could the development reduce CD2
- emissions most effectively emissions most effectively What can the development do to promote
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The project team will carefully consider all comments received today, as well as through our consultation website and from elsewhere. Wates will continue to engage and be open to questions and comments.

We would anticipate submitting a planning application in the near future. If you have further comments or questions, please contact us on the following details:

- Email: james@spbroadway.com
- Tel: 07809 669 387 .
- Post: Freepost SPBORADWAY Web: www.wateschesterton.com







## Appendix 5: Public Exhibition Feedback Form



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## Appendix 6: Redacted feedback forms from the public exhibition

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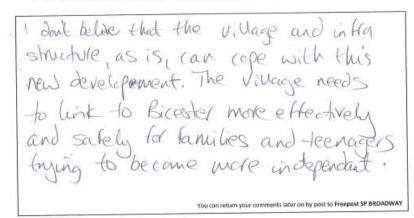
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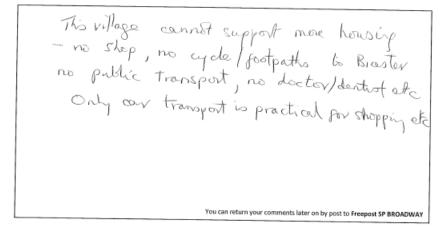
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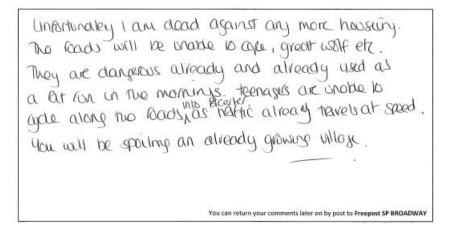
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#### Appendix 7: Land South of Green Lane, Chesterton Consultation Website



Wates Developments are preparing proposals for sustainable new homes in Chesterton, on Land South of Green Lane. The landscape-led scheme will deliver new sports facilities and parkland, alongside much-needed homes.

At this stage, we envisage that the proposals could include an extension to the playing fields, including new football pitches, together with woodland planting and ecological improvements. This green infrastructure would accompany up-to 150 low-carbon homes for first-time buyers, key workers, alongside larger homes for families.

This website has been created for residents of Chesterton to view Wates's initial proposals for the site, and to provide feedback directly to the project team.



Please take a look around the website to find out more about the proposals and to provide us with your feedback. Wates are keen for Land South of Green Lane to be a community led initiative that is shaped by public consultation. We will review all the feedback received and consider revisions to the proposals before an outline planning application is submitted to Cherwell District Council.

# **About Wates**





Founded by Edward Wates in 1897, starting out as a house builder, the Wates Group has grown into one of the largest privately-owned construction, development and property services companies in the UK. In 2022 the Wates Group is celebrating its 125 year anniversary.

Wates Developments, part of the UK's leading construction, property services and residential developments company, the Wates Group, specialises in land, planning and residential development. The business focuses on securing land and delivering planning consents in sustainable town and country locations in which there is high demand.

Wates Developments made important planning progress throughout 2020, with key planning applications, appeals and local plan allocations. The business has now built a portfolio of 13 sites at all stages of planning. These sites could produce more than 11,800 homes. A further 1,700 homes are being created through a series of joint ventures.

Click here to read more about Wates



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# Land South of Green Lane, Chesterton

# Land South of Green Lane Today

Land South of Green Lane covers an area of approximately 14.8 hectares and is located to the south west corner of Chesterton, between the Bicester Sports Association and the Vespasian Way housing development, and extending east to the south of the Community Centre Green.

The site is not subject to any significant constraints. It lies outside of the Conservation Area and the new homes would not affect the setting of Listed Buildings. The site is located in Environment Agency Flood Zone 1 (the lowest risk of flooding), is generally level, is free from any statutory landscape designations and is not ecologically constrained.

The land relates well to Chesterton and development to the south west of the village would not diminish the gap towards Bicester. Growth to the west / south west of Chesterton would also be consistent with the pattern of recent development in the village.





The image below is our initial masterplan for up to 150 low-carbon homes, provided alongside new parkland and football pitches, new trees and landscaping, biodiversity enhancements and drainage infrastructure.



150 new homes designed to meet generational needs

- Approximately 45 affordable homes (30% of the total development in line with current council policy)
  - Vehicular access from Green Lane only (to the north of the site)
  - Green transport links and improvements to existing cycle routes
    - Provision of local sports amenities
    - Community offer located on the eastern edge of the site

At this stage, Wates Developments is applying to Cherwell District Council for outline planning permission. This means that the design of individual buildings will be fixed at a later stage in the process. However, key design principles will be informed by the work currently taking place. A Design and Access Statement will accompany the application, alongside a comprehensive suite of technical surveys and assessments.



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# Land South of Green Lane, Chesterton

### **Design & Character**

Wates' proposals for Land South of Green Lane incorporates a variety of house types and tenures, including 30% affordable housing provision. The scheme has been designed with residents' needs in mind, allowing for the new homes to accommodate different lifestyles, age groups and needs. This includes providing dedicated space for home working, space for guests and attractive and varied outdoor spaces for each home.

All homes will incorporate energy standards to be energy positive and carbon neutral - meaning the development will provide more energy than they consume.

The images below provide some examples of the type of new homes that Wates Developments envisages could be provided at the site.



#### Courtyard Garden Cottages

The Courtyard Garden Cottages are nestled together in clusters of 4-6 homes, designed to offer sociable living ideal for young people keen to get onto the housing ladder. Courtyard Garden Cottages offer the opportunity for 'outdoor living' with each home incorporating a courtyard garden and roof terrace. The Courtyard Garden Cottages are a nod to historic Cotswold mews.

#### Home Garden Studio

The Home Garden Studio is intended as a permanent but flexible home in which the family can expand and contract: an office for home working away from a busy family life or a granny annex for a visiting relative. The Home Garden Studio overlooks some of the generous green spaces including the meadow walks and woodland.

#### Apartments

Apartments will be included in 2-storey buildings consisting of an apartment on each floor, each with a private south facing outdoor area. As well as their own outdoor spaces, these homes will be located close to communal green spaces too.

### Character



Land South of Green Lane is inspired by the lanes off Alchester Road in the Village. The lanes are defined from the access road by a change to a shared stone surface and with a less formal sense of boundary and ownership between a handful of homes which share the lane as an access.

The lanes are intended as Home Zones, with no through traffic, and where pedestrians take priority. Here young children can play outside, close to home, surrounded by high quality public open space.

The meadow waks will connect the site to the village, and within the site itself to the community amentiles. These are linear green parks with pedestrian routes between the lanes of housing.

These areas have meadow planting and trees, seating and pathways, for the community to enjoy the landscape. They are interspersed with pockets of more formal play areas, as well as glades for plonicking and resting.





Land South of Green Lane will be in-keeping with the local and unique character of Chesterion and the surrounding Cotswolds incorporating a number of distinctive materials and styles.

#### Buff Stones and Facade and Walling

Local Cotswold limestone is proposed as the primary material for the housing to reflect the facade of existing homes in Chesterion village. This stone will be used throughout the development including low level garden walls along lanes and rear garden boundaries to reflect the stone walling which is typical of the Chesterion Conservation Area.

#### Red Brick Features

In addition to Buff stones red brick is proposed for features and variation in the housing. Brick was commonly used in Chesterion in housing from the 20<sup>th</sup> century and to housing additions to older buildings in the local area.

Slate Tiles

Weish State Tiles are proposed to be used for the roof to be in keeping with roof materials commonly used in the Chesterton Conservation Area.

#### Cobble Setts Paving

Land South of Green Lane will incorporate cobble setts paving such as granite for the shared surface of the lanes in a nod to the historic character of the lanes in Chesterton Vilage. Home

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### Land South of Green Lane, Chesterton

# **Biodiversity & Climate Change**





The site is dominated by two large arable fields with pockets of woodland on the boundaries. Where possible, the proposals will retain and protect all areas of hedgerows, trees and woodland. These areas have the highest ecological value within the Site and are most likely to benefit from biodiversity enrichment.

All new homes are designed to be thermally efficient employing 'passivhaus' measures and a 'fabrio-first' approach, in order to reduce heat loss. There will also be a substantial amount of photovoltaic (solar) panels across the site and domestic heating systems will be based on air and/or ground-source heat pumps as appropriate. The new homes will therefore be low carbon, limiting their footprint on the environment.

Existing trees along the northern and eastern boundary will be retained including an important cluster of boundary trees which are adjacent to the conservation area. There are a handful of trees to the southern extents of the site, including a Category A oak tree which will be protected.

All of the new homes across the site will be fitted with electric vehicle charging points.

Cherweii District Council has declared a climate emergency and is putting in place policies to require all new buildings to be green, low carbon and energy efficient. Wates Developments is committed to supporting these principles through its proposals on Land South of Green Lane.

Across the organisation, Viates has committed to eliminating waste and carbon from its operations by 2025, well ahead of the Governments own environmental targets. The company has committed to three bold targets to help ensure it does zero harm to the environment;

Zero waste from Wates operations by 2025

Wates aims to reduce and then eliminate the production of all waste created from on-site operations.

Zero carbon from Watee operations and operational vehicles by 2025

Wates aims to reduce carbon emissions from Scope 1 and 2 operations and to become carbon neutral.

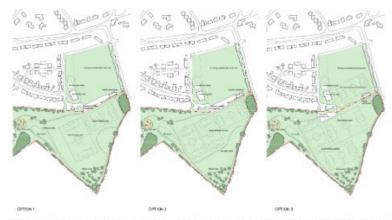
#### Positive impact on nature from all operations

Wates aims to enhance the natural environment wherever it operates and to increase the value and community benefit of natural environments.

### **Open Space & Landscaping**

The development proposals incorporates a new area of parkiand, within the eastern field. This will include new football pitches, alongside new walking routes, a play area and other open spaces for people to enjoy. New football pitches are proposed, in order that the village residents and the local football team, have access to a sporting facility which is free to use.

#### Below, the project team have designed three potential options for the layout of these new facilities and open space.



Extensive landscaping is envisaged throughout the scheme and existing hedgerows and trees along the sites boundaries will be retained and strengthened with new planting. The location of the proposed parkiand and the inclusion of buffers within the design, will reduce the impact on existing residents.

The new homes, will be arranged around green contdors, swales and tree-lined streets. This will break-up the blocks of new development and ensure a lower level of density, which is sympathetic to the character of the village.

The Images below provide examples of this.



Landscaped Lanes

Meadow Walks

Perimeter Tree Planting and New Woodland

#### Landscaped Lanes

The Lanes will have a more rural and intimate character with low level planting and stone garden walls which end with a south fading view onto the meadow walks or woodland.

Meadow Walks

The Meadow Weiks are linear green parks between the lanes of housing which will provide biodiversity opportunities and a visual break between smaller areas of housing to reflect the more rural village setting.

Perimeter Tree Screening

The existing lines of trees to Green Lane and the western corner of the sile will be reinforced with further mature trees which will provide a natural screen to the development on approach to the village from the west.

#### New Woodland

A new area of woodland is proposed at the southern edge of the site which is intended to provide a soft boundary and limit between the development and the village of Chesterion. This will also provide a noise pollution buffer from the village to the nearby M40 and A41.



Vehicular access will be taken from Green Lane to the north of the site, via a new 'T' junction.

In terms of traffic impacts, it has been calculated that the proposals would result in a maximum increase of 80 vehicle movements in the peak morning and evening periods on a weekday with substantially fewer trips across other periods of the day. This equates to an average increase of fewer than one vehicle movement per minute during the busiest periods of the day.

Once traffic has been distributed on the local highway network the impact will decrease away from the site. A full Transport Assessment will be carried out to test the impact of the development which will identify any mitigation measures that may be needed.



#### Click here to view a larger version of this image

We are keen to enable residents to move away from car use and promote walking and cycling across the site through an existing network of footpaths and cycleways and by improving existing cycle routes. Three new pedestrian and cycle accesses will also be created to form a wellconnected and sustainable development. The accesses are proposed in the following locations:

Little Chesterton Lane in the north-western corner of the site, providing a connection to the Bioester Sports Association site;
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 Unnamed Road to the east of the site, which will provide a connection towards the recreation ground, as well as the public footpaths to the south-east of the site.

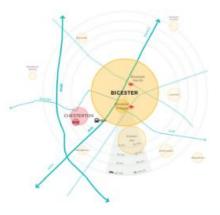
The location of the proposed access arrangements can be seen on the drawing below, as well as a plan showing how the proposed development will connect with the existing village of Chesterton.



The site is well located for access to local village facilities and services including the community centre, public house, primary school, play group, sports facilities, and village employment opportunities. The proposed development will connect the site with the local facilities can be accessed within a reasonable walking distance.

The speed limit on the majority of roads within Chesterton have recently been reduced to 20mph, as such the roads provide relatively lightly trafficked and slow speed routes suitable for cycling. The Oxygen Cycle Route also passes through Chesterton and provides a link to the Park and Ride as well as local facilities and services within Whitelands and Bicester Leisure Centre.

Bloester Park and Ride is located a 5-minute cycle ride away from the site and provides free car and cycle parking. The Park and Ride provides access to a frequent service (droa every 15mins) to the centre of Bloester, Bloester Vilage, Kidlington, and Oxford. The services run from early in the moming until late evening and as such serve a range of journey purposes including commuting, retail, personal business, and leisure.



# **Car Parking Provision**

Our proposal will include on-site car parking spaces for residents, in a mixture of garages, on-piot spaces and unallocated parking to maximise flexibility and economy of land use. Parking provision will be in line with Oxfordshire County Council's standards. Every new home will be provided with an electric vehicle parking facility to encourage sustainable modes of transport.

Each new home will also be provided with cycle parking in accordance with Oxfordshire County Councils standards. The cycle parking will be secure and covered and provided within the curtilage of each dwelling either in the form of a garage or garden shed.

### **Off-Site Improvements**

The site has the potential to provide off-site highway improvements which could include enhanced cycle routes along Green Lahe, The Hale, and the Unnamed Road to the east of the proposed development site (which provides a link to Wendlebury Road and the National Cycle Network Route 51).

Oxfordshire County Council has also identified a potential new bus service through Chesterton as part of the 'Oxfordshire Bus Service Improvement Plan'. Should the Bus Service Improvement Plan be successful through the Department for Transport's assessment, then our proposals could also help by providing a financial contribution towards the new bus service.





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Land South of Green Lane is located within Flood Zone 1 meaning the site is not at risk of flooding from rivers or streams. There is a small area within the south west of the site which experiences ground water flooding however, this is located away from the proposed development and will be mitigated through provision of a new surface water drainage system.

The surface water drainage system will attenuate surface water within a network of ponds, basins and green swales. This means that during periods of heavy rain, water will be held on-site, before being slowly discharged into the existing drainage ditches.

Existing public combined severs are located in Green Lane to the north of the site and outflows from the new development will be pumped to this connection. We are engaging with Thames Water, who are advising on the technical requirements for the proposals.

An existing drainage ditch which bleects across the midway point of the site and follows the eastern boundary with the dwellings on Vespasian Road, will be retained, and be given ample space either side within the public realm. This does mean that a portion of back garden fencing from homes on Vespasian Road will be otherwise exposed on the site. To mitigate this, we will provide further soft landscaping.





Land South of Green Lane will provide numerous community benefits and infrastructure to new and existing Chesterton residents that will be shaped through public consultation.

The site connects to the existing community centre and offers an opportunity to further establish the community facilities at the heart of the village, with a complimentary offer such as a community store, playing fields and gardens.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss the proposals further, including the amount of development and approach to social infrastructure, which are not fixed at this stage.







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4. What can the development do to promote walking and cycling in the village? (Please tick as many boxes as you like)

 Secure bicycle storage Improvements to local streets/ pavements

 Traffic calming measures Connections to existing cycle routes

Any other comments

5. What types of houses do you believe are needed in Chesterton? (Please for as many boxes as you like)

Homes for first time buyers Affordable housingBungalows for elderly people
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Larger family homes

6. How can the development help improve the local ecology? (Please lick as many bases as you like)

 Planting new woodland Creating ponds

Bird and bat boxes Insect hotels

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7. Please let us know your general comments on the proposed plans?