

Annex 18

3rd September 2010

NW BICESTER LAUNCHES ONLINE CONSULTATION

Residents of Bicester and surrounding villages are being asked to give their views on the NW Bicester Eco Development, as the next phase of public consultation is launched online.

The nwbicester.co.uk website has been created to encourage direct feedback on outline proposals for the first proposed settlement in the eco development, which has gone on public display for the first time. The plans will be available for comment online until 17th September and to view at drop-in sessions in the town centre.

NW Bicester is one of the UK's first designated eco towns. Located in North Oxfordshire, the proposed eco town development is set to provide a zero carbon community of 5,000 homes over the next 20 years, as well as new business and employment opportunities for local people.

The plans showcase the initial phase of the eco development (the Exemplar) whilst giving the public the opportunity to gain an understanding of the options for the wider eco development (the Masterplan).

The latest ideas being considered for the Exemplar include:

- Between 400 and 450 homes, including 30% affordable homes
- Provision for retail units (to potentially include a village store and pharmacy)
- A 75-bed care home
- Land provision for a school
- A community centre
- Pedestrian and cycle links around the site and to the community hub
- Employment space
- Public house

The NW Bicester Eco Development is being led by P3Eco, which facilitates eco developments, together with a consortium of partners including local housing provider the A2Dominion Group and architects and masterplanners Terry Farrell & Partners.

The aim of the professional team is to create a development that will become an organic extension to Bicester, and that sits comfortably with and enhances the town.

The public drop-in events, where members of the professional team will be on hand to explain and answer any questions, are being held at:

- Saturday 4th September 2010, 10am-2pm, Methodist Church Hall, Sheep Street, Bicester
- Tuesday 7th September 2010, 6pm-8pm, The Garth, Launton Road, Bicester
- Thursday 9th September 2010, 6pm-8pm, The Garth, Launton Road, Bicester

- Saturday 11th September 2010, 10am-2pm, Methodist Church Hall, Sheep Street, Bicester

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Notes

For further information, please contact Fiona Brenner 0207 930 3606 or Catherine Nestor on 0207 930 3581.

Become a Friend of the NW Bicester Eco Development : Friends of the NW Bicester Eco Development will receive updates on the project and information about events and ways to contribute to the emerging scheme.

If you would like to become a Friend, email or call us with your contact details for inclusion in the mailing list. Email us: info@nwbicester.co.uk Call us: 020 7930 3606