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Dear

NW Bicester Eco Development Consultation: Testing Ideas
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**Invitation to launch event:
Wednesday 1st September, 6-8pm, The Garth**

I am inviting you to the launch of our next stage of consultation on the NW Bicester eco development project. This will take place on Wednesday 1st September 2010 at The Garth, Launton Road, Bicester, 6-8pm.

As you will know, in June P3Eco, facilitators for the NW Bicester eco development, began a public consultation process by holding an Open Planning Week to involve many local stakeholders and members of the general public in discussion about how proposals for the site should unfold.

We had many extremely constructive responses at our drop-in events and at our Community Masterplanning Workshop. Having listened to these remarks and evaluated them it is now time for us to seek input again.

The next stage of consultation, *Testing Ideas*, will run online from 2nd – 17th September. We would be delighted if you would join us for the launch of the consultation which will be an informal reception including a brief presentation and a chance to speak to P3Eco representatives and key people from our professional team.

There are two elements to Testing Ideas which will be unveiled at the launch:

- 1) We will show for the first time where we have reached in developing our **outline plans for the Exemplar** – the first residential and community eco hub in NW Bicester. It will be a test of the professional team's interpretation of the Government's Planning Policy Statement on Eco-Towns (PPS); show how they have attempted to work with the natural landscape; and progress to respond to the comments made during the consultation so far.
- 2) We will publish a document called **NW Bicester: Testing Masterplan Ideas**. This will set out our initial written response to both the Government PPS and the comments received during the Open Planning Week.

We are seeking feedback on this document at the same time as the Exemplar as it will indicate how the Masterplan (of which the Exemplar is part) is developing and provide a chance for consultation and engagement on the overall strategy.

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As well as being available on line, there will be a chance for members of the public to see the plans and information on display and to meet the teams on the following dates:

- Saturday 4th September, 10am-2pm, Methodist Church Hall, Sheep Street
- Tuesday 7th September, 6-8pm, The Garth, Launton Road
- Thursday 9th September, 6-8pm, The Garth, Launton Road
- Saturday 11th September, 10am-2pm, Methodist Church Hall, Sheep Street

At the exhibition venues hard copies of the document and comment forms will be available, although we would encourage as many people as possible to respond online.

Following this period of consultation, the professional team will prepare a detailed response to comments on the Masterplan in a second document called *NW Bicester: Shaping the Masterplan* and publish detailed plans for the Exemplar before a planning application is submitted. We anticipate this to be in mid-October.

I do hope that you will be able to join us on 1st September. This is an invite-only event, so please RSVP by Friday 28th August to info@p3eco.com or call our consultation organiser Fiona Brenner on 0207 930 3606.

Otherwise, please do take the opportunity to see the information online or visit the exhibition on one of the dates above.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Inshaw

Chairman
P3Eco (Bicester)