Annex 23

5 October 2010

MASTER PLANNING IN PARTNERSHIP PUBLIC CONSULATION EXEMPLAR EXHIBITION 13 – 16 OCTOBER 2010

In advance of a planning application to be submitted later this year, a final stage of public consultation on the 'Exemplar' phase (first stage) of the NW Bicester eco development is taking place between the 13 – 16 October 2010.

Following on from June's Open Planning Week and September's 'Testing Ideas' public consultations, this phase seeks to illustrate more of the detail that will be included in the first stage of development including transport hubs, layouts, house design and details of proposed infrastructure.

Public exhibitions and drop-in sessions are taking place at the following locations:

- Wednesday 13 October, Bure Park Community Hall, Bure Park Primary School, 92 Lucerne Avenue 6.30pm – 8.30pm
- Thursday 14 October, Bure Farm Pub, Barberry Place, 12.00 8pm
- Friday 15 October, Market Stall, Sheep Street (in front of Tesco) from 10am – 4pm
- Saturday 16 October, Wyevale Garden Centre, Oxford Road, Bicester 10am 4pm

In addition to these public events there will be a static exhibition in the entrance to Bicester Library from Monday 11 October until Monday 18 October 2010.

The Exemplar proposal includes:

- 420 homes, 30% of them affordable
- A 'village store' and space for other retail units
- A community centre
- Land set aside for a future school
- Pedestrian and cycle links around the site and to the community hub
- Space for job creating businesses
- Pub

"We have been asking Bicester residents for their input into this exciting project over a period of months now and hope that people will continue to get involved. The success of this project and its future look and feel can be influenced by those living in Bicester and the surrounding areas. We are committed to working with the public and looking for their views and ideas to make each phase of the development the very best it can be," said Ian Inshaw, Director, P3Eco Bicester.

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<u>Notes</u>

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Background

P3Eco (Bicester) has established a consortium to develop proposals for an eco development in North West Bicester. We are working with Bicester Town Council, Cherwell District Council and Oxfordshire County Council, as well as housing provider A2Dominion and world-renowned architects and masterplanners, Terry Farrell and Partners, to ensure that Bicester is a pioneering model of environmental and community sustainability. This consortium is determined to create a development which will gradually become an organic extension to Bicester, which sits comfortably with and enhances the town. It will add significantly to the profile of Bicester.

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 of the NW Bicester Eco Development contact info@p3eco.com or call 020 7930 3606 to give us your contact details for inclusion in the mailing list.