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24th May 2010

Dear

**NW Bicester eco development
“Masterplanning in Partnership” launch: An Open Planning Week**

**Invitation: Community Masterplanning Workshop
Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th June
The Courtyard Youth Arts Centre**

I write to invite you to attend a Community Masterplanning Workshop to be held on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th June for representatives of the community to get together with members of our professional team to discuss the NW Bicester eco development. The two day workshop will run from 9:30am-4pm each day at The Courtyard Youth Arts Centre, Launton Road, Bicester, OX26 6DJ.

P3Eco (Bicester) is facilitating proposals for an eco development in North West Bicester. We are working in partnership with Bicester Town Council, Cherwell District Council and Oxfordshire County Council, as well as housing provider A2Dominion and world-renowned architects, The Farrell Partnership, to ensure that Bicester is a pioneering model of environmental and community sustainability.

Following discussions with key local organisations and individuals, we are now beginning a more formal process of engagement and consultation. We intend to meet with special interest stakeholders, statutory consultees and the general public in the Bicester area so that a full range of individuals and organisations are informed about what we aim to achieve and have ample opportunity to contribute suggestions, opinions and concerns about the project from early on in its development.

We want to develop the Masterplan for the site in partnership with as many interested people from the local community as possible. We see this ‘Masterplanning in Partnership’ approach as key to the success of the project and we would really appreciate it if you could join us for one or both of the workshop days.

These two days will explore the initial plans being prepared for the preliminary ‘Exemplar’ scheme, or first phase of housing. We also aim to discuss the possibilities for the whole site and how it relates to the rest of Bicester.

Please contact our event organiser **Fiona Brenner on tel no. 020 7930 3606 or email at info@p3eco.com by Wednesday 2nd June** to let us know whether or not you would be able to attend the workshop. If you are unavailable please let us know if you would like to nominate someone from your organisation to take your place.

Your input into this process to gather both visionary and practical ideas about creating a model eco-town which makes sense for the Bicester area would be hugely appreciated. The Community Masterplanning Workshop is one of a number of events that will take place in June as part of our Open Planning Week.

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Information about the public sessions which form part of the Open Planning Week is on the table below. I would be grateful if you could let colleagues and friends in Bicester know of the public activities in which they can take part and you will receive some leaflets with more information which I would appreciate you passing on.

- **Saturday 5th June 10am-2pm – PUBLIC DROP-IN DAY** at Methodist Church Hall, Sheep Street, Bicester OX26 6JQ
- **Friday 11th June 11am-4pm – PUBLIC DROP-IN DAY** at The Courtyard Youth Arts Centre, Launton Road, Bicester OX26 6DJ
- **Saturday 12th June 10am-4pm – PUBLIC DROP-IN DAY** at Bicester Resource Centre, Launton Road, Bicester OX26 6DJ
- **Wednesday 16th June 6-8pm – Community Feedback Session** at The Garth, Launton Road, Bicester (register by email to info@p3eco.com or phone 020 7930 3606)

In addition we would be more than happy to update you and your organisation on our plans, particularly if you are unable to attend the workshop. Please let us know if you have any forthcoming meetings when it might be appropriate for the eco development to be included on the agenda, otherwise a separate meeting can be arranged.

We do hope that you can join us at the Community Masterplanning Workshop and also look forward to further contact with you as the plan for NW Bicester takes shape.

Yours sincerely

Ian Inshaw

Chairman
P3Eco (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.

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