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1. Introduction

This Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) is submitted in support of two outline planning applications for a residential and employment development together with areas of formal and informal open space and landscaping, land for primary school and local centre at within the Earl Shilton Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE) (hereafter referred to as 'the site' or 'the proposed development') by Wood on behalf of Bloor Homes, Jelson Homes & Barwood Land (hereafter referred to as the Applicants). There is a team of consultants who have or are working on the project, Wood, Lexington Communications and Applicants, who hereafter are referred to as the Project Team.

The outline planning applications, that this SCI supports, aims to establish a framework for the development which can be worked up in detail at the reserved matters planning application stage.

Engagement and consultation on the principle of development within the Earl Shilton SUE was undertaken by Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council (HBBC) as part of the development of the HBBC Core Strategy and Earl Shilton and Barwell Area Action Plan (AAP). Consultation on the planning application for development at the Earl Shilton SUE began back in 2012 and 2013, however the project was put on hold and the application pack was not submitted. Wood and the Project Team are now in a position to submit the outline planning applications (one for the Barwood Land and one for the Bloor/Jelson Land). The previous technical and environmental work has been reviewed and some further work undertaken to test the proposals. The outcome is that few changes are required to the original proposals and that there is scope for some improvements. As the proposed development is primarily the same as proposed back in 2012/2013, it is considered appropriate to provide an update on the scheme through a dedicated website. An article raising awareness of the scheme and providing a link to the website was included in the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council Bulletin in March 2021. Further details of the newsletter are set out later on in this document. There is opportunity for consultees and the public to comment on the applications once submitted to the Council.

The following document will summarise the consultation activities that have been undertaken, it documents, the feedback received from participants and how the Project Team has responded to the feedback.

Wood and the Project Team strongly value community consultation and all feedback is considered and incorporated where possible.

2. Consultation Strategy

The Project Team's public consultation programme was undertaken using the principles set out in Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council's (2006) SCI, which stated that for large applications, such as Development within the Earl Shilton, "*prospective applicants contact relevant consultees who will provide input into the application process*" and "*for major or controversial applications applicants may also be encouraged to involve the community affected by the proposed development... The aim of the process should be to encourage discussion before a formal application is made and therefore help to avoid unnecessary objections being made at a later stage. As part of the Statement of Community Involvement the Council will introduce this process by asking applicants/developers to provide details of any pre-application consultation already undertaken with the local community.*" Regard has also been had to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council 2019 SCI, although this is less specific regarding requirement for applicants. The principles set out by the SCI have been taken into consideration in producing the following consultation strategy. The methodology for the strategy was to:

- Engage and establish a communication link with the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council and its partners through a number of face-to-face meetings to understand the local issues that face Earl Shilton, the constraints and opportunities of Earl Shilton and to discuss what community benefits would be required as part of the scheme, but also a number of key technical issues that would be needed to be resolved as part of this large, proposed development. This process of engaging also enabled ideas and options of the proposed development to be developed with the Council's ambitions as set out in the Earl Shilton AAP to ensure that development could be brought forward appropriately and sustainably.
- Engage and establish a communication link with locally elected members through a number of face-to-face meetings to understand the local issues that face Earl Shilton, the constraints and opportunities of Earl Shilton and to discuss what community benefits would be required as part of the scheme. This process of engaging also enabled ideas and options of the proposed development to be developed with locally elected members to ensure that development could be brought forward appropriately.
- Engage the local community in wider consultation, this would enable them to shape their locality. This was completed in the traditional methods of public exhibitions, a consultation website and a questionnaire. This aimed to engage the public, explain the rationale of the proposals, show how initially local issues were being dealt with and give an opportunity for the public to shape the proposals through their feedback on the proposed development.

The aim of the strategy and the above methodology was to:

- gain input and feedback from the local stakeholders into the proposed development, before the planning application was submitted;
- understand the local issues and opportunities that could impact the proposed development and possible ways to mitigate any problems; and
- develop a positive relationship with the local community.

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council updated their Statement of Community Involvement in July 2019, however the consultation methods undertaken by Wood all formally comply with statutory requirements for consultation on major applications.

3. Approach to Consultation

The aims of the consultation are highlighted above, which culminated in the overall objective to help, inform and evolve the ideas of the proposed development at the Earl Shilton SUE. Wood completed a number of exercises, which include meetings and presentation with local representatives, technical specialists and public consultation exhibition within Earl Shilton to meet the aims and objectives of the consultation strategy.

3.1 Local Stakeholder Engagement

Earl Shilton Town Council

The proposed development is within the Earl Shilton Town Council boundary, therefore engagement with the Town Council became a strong part of meeting, engaging and building a relationship with the locally elected members. Proposed Development also includes land under the Town Council's ownership, which is currently used recreationally as playing fields and as a play area. The proposed development looks to significantly improve the recreational uses on site.

On 3 July 2012, Wood gave a presentation to Earl Shilton Town Council. The purpose of the meeting was to:

- provide an update on our work;
- explain how the masterplan is being developed and refined;
- consider the main benefits of the development; and
- understand the Town Council's main issues and priorities.

There was a second follow up session with Earl Shilton Town Council on 9 October 2012, the session provided an update, but aimed to discuss 3rd party S106 contributions for the pavilion.

More recently there was a Councillor's Briefing that included Members of Earl Shilton Town Council on 22nd September 2021. This was an opportunity to provide an update on the scheme development and for Councillors to ask questions of the Project Team.

Barwood Land have had contact with the Town Council over a number of years in the light of their new sports / community pavilion aspirations, and wish to continue the dialogue during the planning application determination stage, to assist in aligning the Town Council expectations for how the proposals come forward with Consultation responses from Statutory Consultees.

The Town Council have been very supportive to date by working with the applicants to provide information to the local community by means of website linkages on their Town Council website. A hard copy of the submitted documents in the planning application pack will be made available in the Library at the Earl Shilton Town Council offices for members of the public to view.

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council Developer's Forum

There have been a range of Developer Forum meetings between the Project Team, infrastructure providers and officers at Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council and Leicestershire County Council. There have been a range of meetings conducted:

- H&BBC Developers Forum – 19 January 2012
- H&BBC Developers Forum – 2 March 2012

- H&BBC Developers Forum – 2 October 2012
- H&BBC Developers Forum – 15 November 2012
- H&BBC Developers Forum – 17 January 2013

These meetings allowed collaboration with the relevant officers to talk about the issues and constraints that needed to be overcome to bring the proposed development forward. These meetings kept the County and Borough Council informed about how the application and technical work was progressing. Discussions were centred around a wide range of issues, due to the vast nature of the scheme – transport, infrastructure, S106, community infrastructure and the planning strategies are some, but not all, of the issues that were covered in the meetings.

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council Officer's Meetings and Engagement

The officer's meetings were similar to the Developer Forums, they included the Project Team and officers from the council, to talk over particular issues that effected the proposed development and attempting to find solutions to overcome the issues to help deliver the SUE. Below is a list of the meetings that took place:

- H&BBC Officer's meeting 27 November 2012
- H&BBC Officer's meeting 25 February 2013
- H&BBC Officer's meeting 30 April 2013
- H&BBC Officer's meeting 21 May 2013
- H&BBC Officer's meeting 9 July 2013

More recently since the application was progressed again in 2020/2021, there have been a series of meetings with HBBC Officers focussing on the Planning Performance Agreement, masterplan, infrastructure and S106 requirements.

Meetings with Leicestershire County Council Highways Authority

Highways have been a concern from the inception of the project and have been a high priority. Therefore, there has been consistent dialogue between the Project Team and the Highways Authority. There were a number of meetings between the Project Team and the Highways Authority at Leicestershire County Council before the submission of this planning application, these included the following meetings:

- Highway Authority 27 January 2012
- Highway Authority 2 March 2012
- Highway Authority 24 May 2012
- Highway Authority and Town Council 3 July 2012
- Highway Authority 7 September 2012
- Highway Authority 20 September 2012
- Highway Authority 8 November 2012
- Highway Authority 2 March 2013
- Highway Authority 7 January 2013
- Highway Authority 3 April 2013

More recently since the application was progressed again in 2020/2021 there have been discussions with the Highway Authority and their Consultants.

Meetings to with Drainage and Open Space Officers from Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council

A meeting took place with the Drainage and Open Space Officers to discuss the delivery of both public open space and sustainable urban drainage systems (SUDS). The main conclusions from the meeting were that the SUDS could be counted as part of the policy compliant public open space subject to a range of criteria. This has been incorporated into the masterplan.

Meetings with Earl Shilton Town Team

A number of meetings took place with the Earl Shilton's Town Team, which is an organisation promoting the regeneration of the Earl Shilton Town Centre. There were three meetings with the Town Team, discussions around were around how the SUE could impact the Town Centre and what benefits it could provide to the regeneration of the Town Centre. Below is a list of meetings that took place between the Project Team and the Town Team:

- Town Team meeting 27 November 2012
- Town Team meeting 20 December 2012
- Town Team meeting 11 January 2013

3.2 Technical Stakeholder Consultation

A screening opinion for an Environmental Impact Assessment was sought from Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, it was assessed that such an assessment was required. Therefore, a number of technical departments within the council and outside were consulted on the proposals and have input into the EIA scoping and screening opinions for proposed development. The most recent Scoping opinions in 2020 were received from:

- Blaby District Council
- Historic England
- Environment Agency
- Highways England
- Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council Environmental Health (Pollution) Officers
- Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council Environmental Health (Conservation) Officers
- Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council Environmental Health (Arboricultural) Officers
- Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council Environmental Health (Drainage) Officers
- Leicestershire County Council (Highways)
- Leicestershire County Council (Ecology)
- Leicestershire County Council (Archaeology)
- Leicestershire County Council (Drainage)
- Natural England

- National Grid/Cadent
- Western Power
- Severn Trent Water

Not all the organisations who were asked to give a scoping opinion did so, further consultation of key statutory stakeholders will take place through the outline planning application process.

As part of the formal pre-application process, key stakeholders at both Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council and Leicestershire Council were consulted by Planning Officers and responses were received from the following:

- West Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Group;
- LCC Education (regarding primary, secondary, post 16 and special schools);
- HBBC Conservation, Drainage, Pollution and Waste;
- Highways England;
- Historic England;
- LCC Archaeology, LCC Drainage, LCC Ecology; and
- Natural England.

3.3 Public Consultation

As illustrated above, the proposed development has been shaped by key stakeholders, which helped to define the key principles and shape the illustrative masterplan. To gain further input and feedback from local residents, Wood and the Project Team held a two-day public exhibition and consultation event at Earl Shilton Baptist Church on the corner of Mill Lane and Almeys Lane, Earl Shilton. The events were held at this venue, which was located within Earl Shilton, close to the proposed development site, as it was well known and accessible to all members of the community. The exhibitions were held on Friday 27 September 2013 from 15:00 till 20:00 and on Saturday 28 September 2013 from 10:00 till 16:00.

The exhibition was a drop-in session, which consisted of a set of eight banner style display boards (see Appendix A). The boards were set up in an arc within the room. Four members of the project team were available to answer questions and guide people through the proposed development on Friday, with seven members available on Saturday.

The public exhibition boards provided:

- A background to the proposals, which included information about the site, its location and the planning policy context.
- An insight into how the development proposals have been developed, including how a range of technical work and wider consultation could benefit the community, this includes community benefits and infrastructure, transport assessments, utilities, flooding and drainage.
- A further insight into development proposal, but specifically about the Environmental Assessments and the subsequent Environmental Statement, which has been conducted to see if there would be any significant impacts of the proposed development and cumulative impact of the Persimmon development adjacent to the site.
- An indicative masterplan of the proposed development.
- Benefits of the scheme for Earl Shilton.

- Further information about transport, which was identified as a key local issue so a specific board was created to show how solutions to reduce the need to travel, encouraging walking, cycling and public transport would be implemented and how additional traffic would be accommodated.
- The residents with information about how to respond to the consultation and what the next steps were in terms of the proposed planning application.

A questionnaire was given to each attendee of the exhibition. Residents were asked to fill out the questionnaire and place it in the feedback box. Alternatively, residents could provide feedback through the website, which was created to promote the development (Appendix B – referred to in more detail in the next section). The questionnaire asked five questions about the development and exhibition and four about the attendees. The questionnaire (Appendix C) sought views on:

- the important issues that needed to be considered when planning for new jobs, community facilities and homes within Earl Shilton;
- the important benefits to Earl Shilton community that the development could deliver; and
- how the masterplan could be improved.

How the Public Consultation was publicised

Wood worked with its partner, Lexington Communications (who were part of the Project Team at the time) to organise the public consultation. The public consultation events were widely advertised through the local and wider area to ensure that the residents of Earl Shilton and the surrounding area had the opportunity to attend, discuss and provide their opinion about the proposed development at the Earl Shilton SUE. Below, the different methods used to promote the event have been explained:

Website

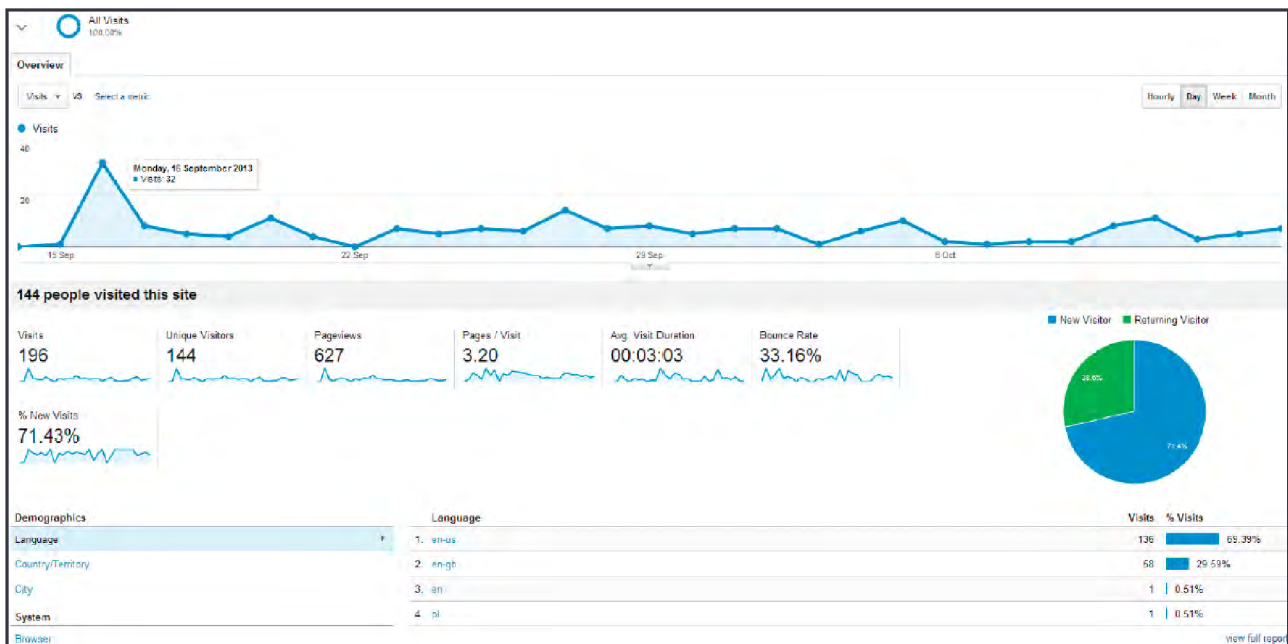
The website was a large resource for the planning application (Appendix B). www.earlshiltonsue.com did more than publicise the consultation it provided the user with:

- in-depth information about the development proposals, including the indicative masterplan showing the development layout and the proposed landscaping;
- downloadable access to the exhibition boards;
- latest news about the consultation and planning application;
- allowed people to sign up and receive updates directly about the proposed development;
- allowed prospective homebuyers to register their interest in a new home; and
- explained the key dates and programme for the planning application.

The website provided an online version of the questionnaire, to ensure that different users, even if they could not attend the consultation events had a chance to put their views across. Or even if they did attend, it gave people the opportunity to think more about the answers and input them at a later date if they wished.

Figure 3.1 illustrates the usage of the website. Since the inception of the website, till the final day of the consultation (11 October 2013), the website had 144 unique visitors with Figure 4.1 and 4.2 illustrating that 8 of the 70 consultation responses came from the online survey.

Figure 3.1 Website Visits During Consultation and Number of On-line Questionnaires Completed



Newspaper

The media, notably the Hinckley Times, Leicester Mercury and Nuneaton News, Hilltop Radio and BBC Radio Leicester, were issued with a press release (Appendix E) to fully brief the press about the proposals and they were invited to view the plans at the public exhibition.

This generated a number of newspaper articles (Appendix D), which are listed below:

- 19 September 2013: Hinckley Times, Public invited to have say on proposals for Earl Shilton SUE: Plan for 1 300 Homes Revealed (p1)
- 19 September 2013: Hinckley Times, Where is Cash for Barwell? (p10)
- 5 October 2013: Leicester Mercury, Fears over plan for town homes
- 10 October 2013: Hinckley Times, Feedback Sought on Weaver Meadow Plans(p9)
- 10 October 2013: Hinckley Times, Traffic Flow due to SUE will be High (p10)
- 10 October 2013: Hinckley Times, Town Taken Over by Traffic (p10)

Press Release

As noted above press releases were used to encourage the media and the press to give coverage to the public consultation event and the proposed development. Hinckley Times, Leicester Mercury and Nuneaton News, Hilltop Radio and BBC Radio Leicester, were issued with a press release (Appendix E) and were also invited to the consultation events. The press release also strongly encouraged residents, local groups and interested parties to attend so the Project Team could hear the views of the community and help them shape the proposed development at the Earl Shilton SUE. This was released on 25 September 2013.

After the consultation, on 2 October 2012 a post-consultation press release was also distributed (Appendix E), it was titled "*Local Residents Encouraged to Provide Feedback Following Public Exhibition for Weavers Meadow.*" This press release further encouraged the residents, local groups and interested parties to

provide feedback on the proposed development at the Earl Shilton SUE and explained what had happened at the consultation event.

Newsletter

On 13 September 2013 and through the weekend, via a distribution company, the project team delivered 4 631 newsletters to residential properties, and 202 to commercial properties. In total 4 833 newsletters were delivered to the area illustrated in Figure 3.2. This ensured that the Earl Shilton area had been informed directly about the proposed development and the consultation event. Appendix F shows a copy of the newsletter, which outlined the consultation events at Earl Shilton Baptist Church on Friday 27 September 2013 and Saturday 28 September 2013. The newsletter invited people to the consultation, gave some background to the Applicants, provided an indicative masterplan of the proposed development at the Earl Shilton SUE and encouraged residents and local stakeholders to get involved in the process.

Figure 3.2 Distribution area for newsletters



Source: Lexington Communications.

Invitations

The Project Team has previously met with Council Leader, Councillor Bray, and Executive Member, Councillor Gould, and meetings have been offered to ward members and the Leader of the Conservative Group to ensure cross-party briefings were held with members. The Project Team has ensured members are kept up to date as the plans have progressed and will continue dialogue with councillors during the planning process.

Letters and leaflets were sent to all members of Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council, including the Leader of the Council, Councillor Bray; ward members for the site, Councillor Allen, Councillor Richards and Councillor Ladkin; Leader of the Conservative Group, Councillor Batty; and members of the Planning Committee. All members of Earl Shilton Town Council were also invited on 12 September 2013.

Key stakeholders that were expected to be directly affected by the proposals or likely to take an interest were advised of the public consultation event and encouraged to provide feedback on the initial plans. These stakeholders include local schools, churches, community groups, such as Earl Shilton Scout Group, and business groups, for example Leicestershire Chamber of Commerce.

A copy of the letters can be seen in Appendix G, which highlights the importance the project team has placed on ensuring that the localism agenda within the NPPF and national policy has been met and that local people

and local councillors are able to be involved but more importantly shape the proposals through stakeholder and local consultation.

Information Phone Line

A community information line, 0844 556 3002, was established to deal with any enquiries relating to the proposed development and to meet requests for further information. Additionally, an email address, info@earshiltonsue.com, was available to provide further access to members of the development team, as illustrated above.

Two phone call was received on the phone line. The 1st was a specific query about access and was dealt with by an appropriate Project Team member. The 2nd was about if the application was submitted. A member of the project team informed the member of the public it had not yet, but would be submitted in due course, with the team member agreeing to contact this person with an application number once it was submitted.

3.4 Consultation Updates 2021

Following initial engagement and consultation held back in 2012 and 2013 the consultation was put on hold and the application pack was not submitted. The Project Team are now in a position to submit the outline planning applications (one for the Bloor/Jelson Land and one for the Barwood Land). The proposed development is primarily the same as the proposed development back in 2012/2013 with some improvements in terms of access arrangements therefore an update on the scheme will be provided on the www.earshiltonsue.co.uk website.

Newsletter – March 2021

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council published details of proposed development at the Earl Shilton SUE in their March 2021 Bulletin/Newsletter (Appendix H). The newsletter is distributed to all households in the Borough and provided a link to the consultation website (www.earshiltonsue.co.uk) so that the public can view the material and remind them of the scheme details. Locals are familiar with the proposed development at this location due to its allocation within the Local Plan and previous consultation, therefore it is simply a reminder to local residents that a planning application is being submitted and no further feedback is requested at this stage of consultation. There is opportunity for the public to comment on the proposals once the application is submitted to the Council. Due to the COVID19 pandemic at the time or reviewing the earlier proposals, a public information exhibition was not considered to be appropriate.

Earl Shilton Town Council have agreed that their Town Council website will also host links to the proposals so that as many people as possible can view them.

Officer liaison and Member Briefings

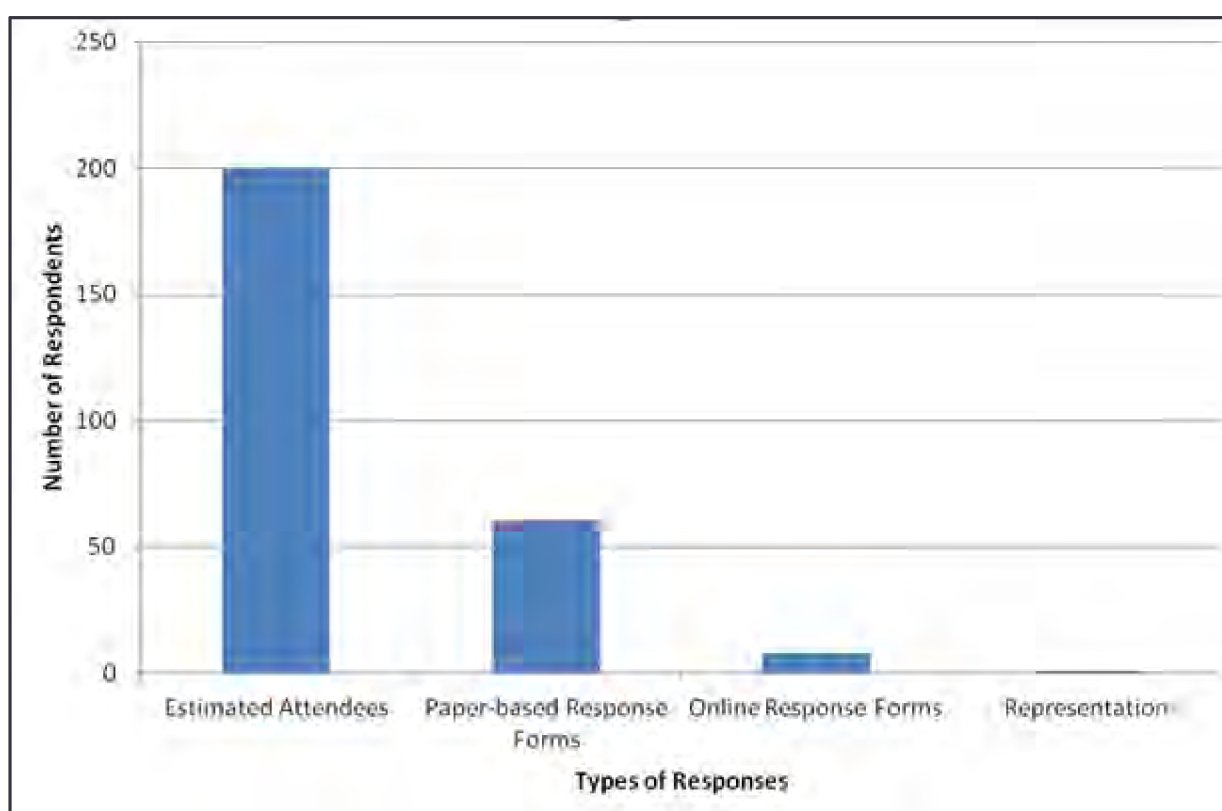
As referenced in the sections above, since the Project Team were in a position to prepare the application for submission in 2021, further consultation has taken place with technical stakeholders, Officers from HBBC and LCC and a Members Briefing has taken place.

4. Feedback from the Consultation Event

4.1 Attendance

Over the two days 200 people attended the public exhibition. On the closing date of the consultation, as illustrated by Figure 4.1, 144 unique visitors had been registered on the website. As illustrated previously 4,833 residential and commercial properties in the Earl Shilton area were leafleted and 200 people attended, this represents a 4.1% attendance rate.

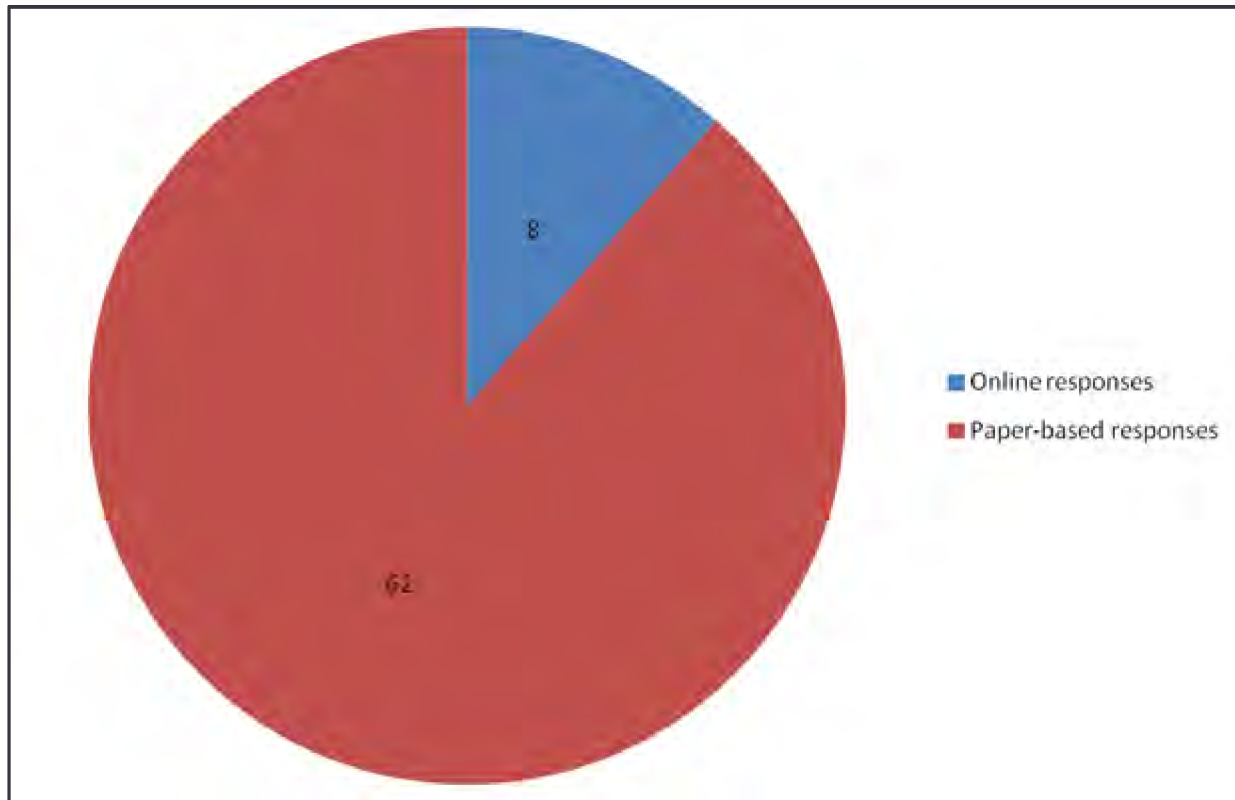
Figure 4.1 Public Consultation Attendees and Responses



4.2 Feedback

In total 70 consultation responses had been received with 89% of these being received in paper form. One of the paper-based responses was not on an official form, was logged as a representation, and was analysed along with question 4.

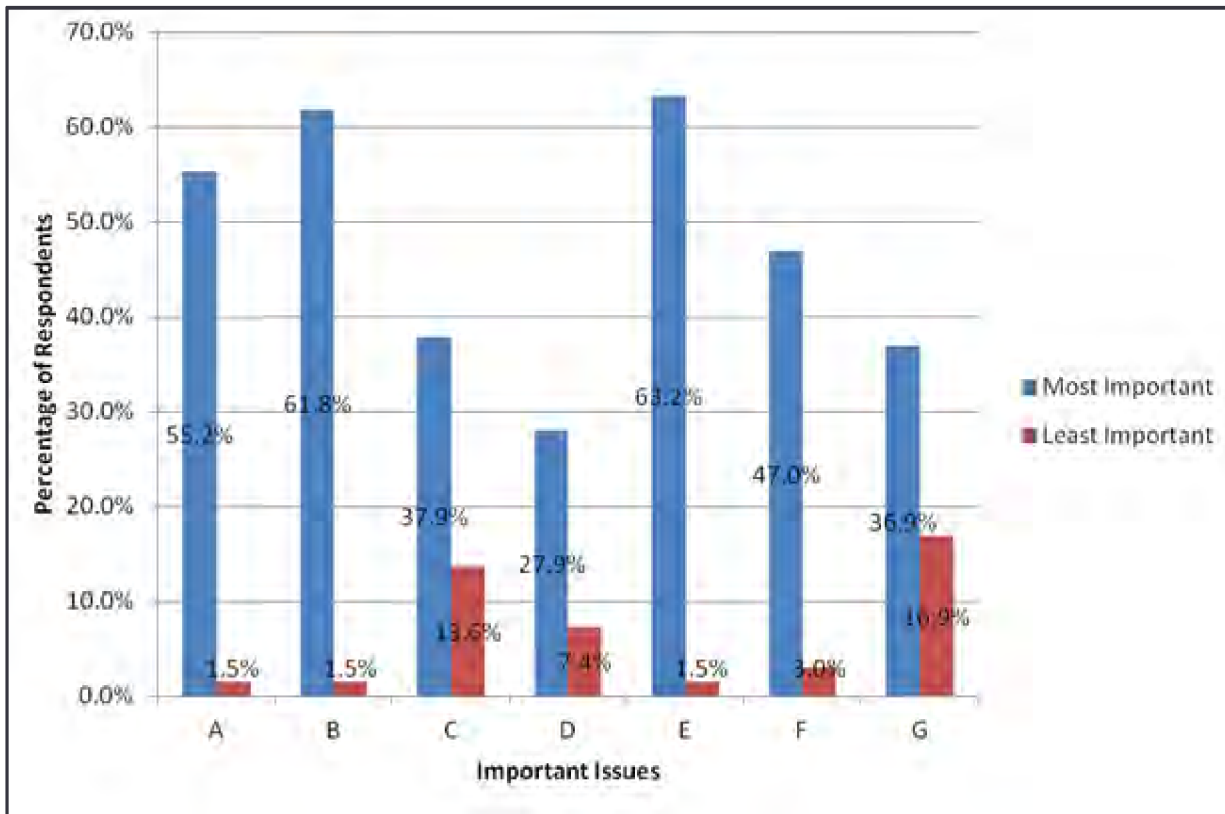
Figure 4.2 Number of Consultation Responses Received



Public consultation summaries of responses received

Question 1 - What do you think are the most important issues to be considered when planning for new jobs, community facilities and homes in Earl Shilton?

Figure 4.3 Important Issues to Considered when Planning for New Jobs, Community Facilities and Homes



- A- To respect the natural environment, including wildlife and landscape
- B- Ensuring that there are benefits to Earl Shilton and its existing residents
- C- Ensuring that the new community is integrated and connected to Earl Shilton
- D- Minimising car use and encouraging walking, cycling and public transport use
- E- Ensuring that the community facilities and infrastructure can cope e.g. schools and roads
- F- Providing open space, accessible for new and existing residents
- G- Ensuring that development is well designed and contributes to addressing climate change

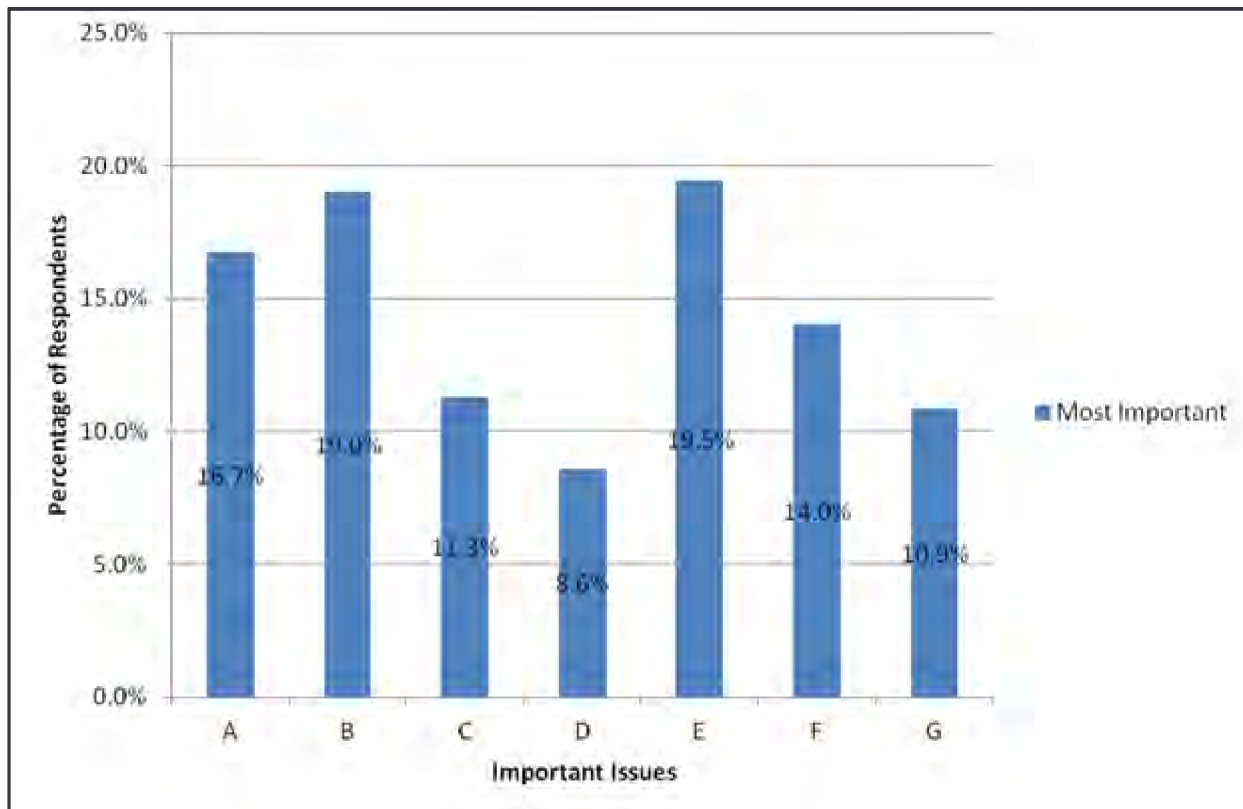
Within each issue, it was clear that the respondents identified that most of the issues were the most important. For example, in the 7 classifications presented to the respondent an overwhelming majority, 63.2%, felt ensuring that the community facilities and infrastructure could cope with the proposed development was the most important issue, compared to 1.5% of respondents to this issue who felt it was the least important. Importantly there are three issues which were not as polarised as the others:

- 36.9% of respondents to the issue around ensuring that development is well designed and address climate change felt this was most important, compared to 16.9% who felt this was least important.
- 37.9% of the respondents to the issue around ensuring the new community was integrated and connected to Earl Shilton, compared to 13.6% who felt this was the least important issue.

- 27.9% of the respondents felt minimising car use and promoting more sustainable methods of transport was the most important issue, with 7.4% of the respondents feeling it was the least important.

Therefore, due to the extreme polarisation of some of the issues and the lack of polarisation of others, it is clear that some issues are more important to the respondents than other.

Figure 4.4 Comparison of Most Important Issues

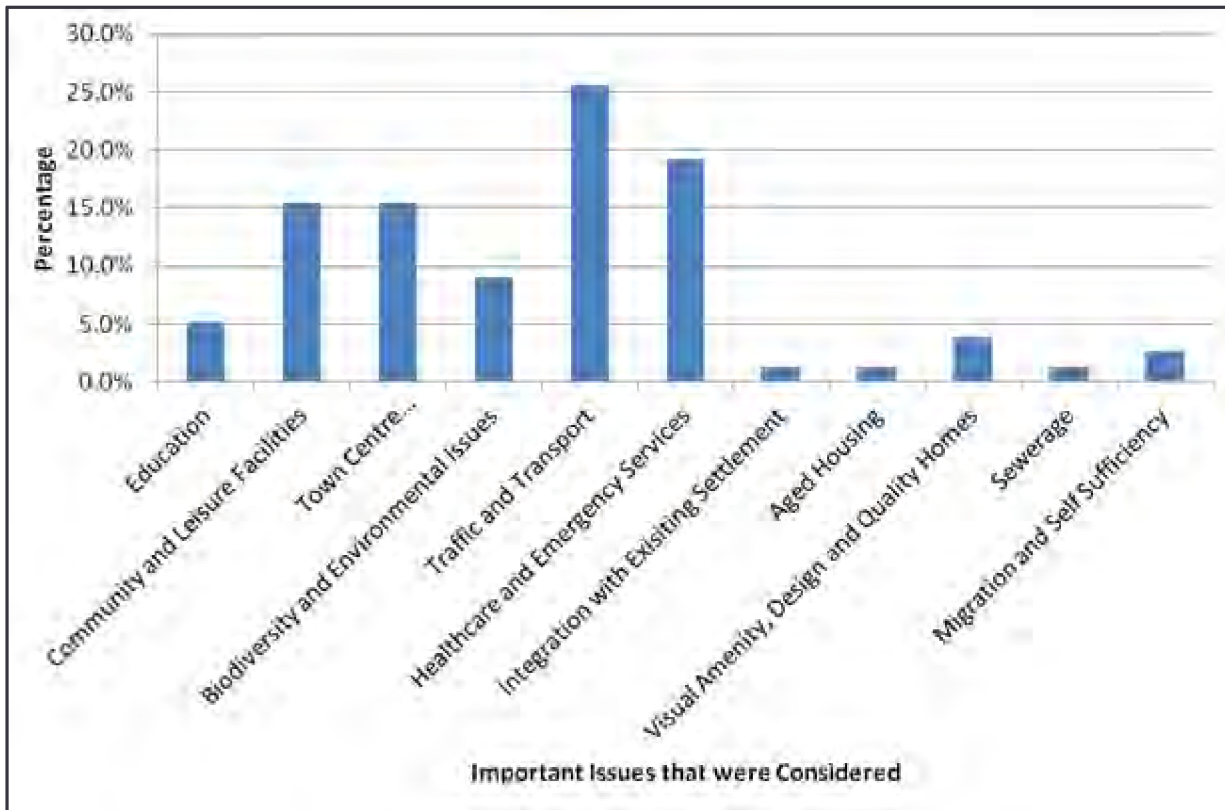


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- G- Ensuring that development is well designed and contributes to addressing climate change

Figure 4.4 illustrates a comparison of the most important issue to respondents. 221 respondents, to this 'Most Important' category, felt these were the most important issues. Of that 221, 19.5% of felt the most important issue was the ability of community facilities and infrastructure to cope with the added pressures of the proposed development. Of all the respondents who felt these issues were the most important, the least important issue was minimising the use of cars and encouraging more sustainable forms of transport, which was only identified by 8.6% of respondents.

Question 2 - Do you feel that there are other important issues to consider?

Figure 4.5 Qualitative Analysis of Important Issues

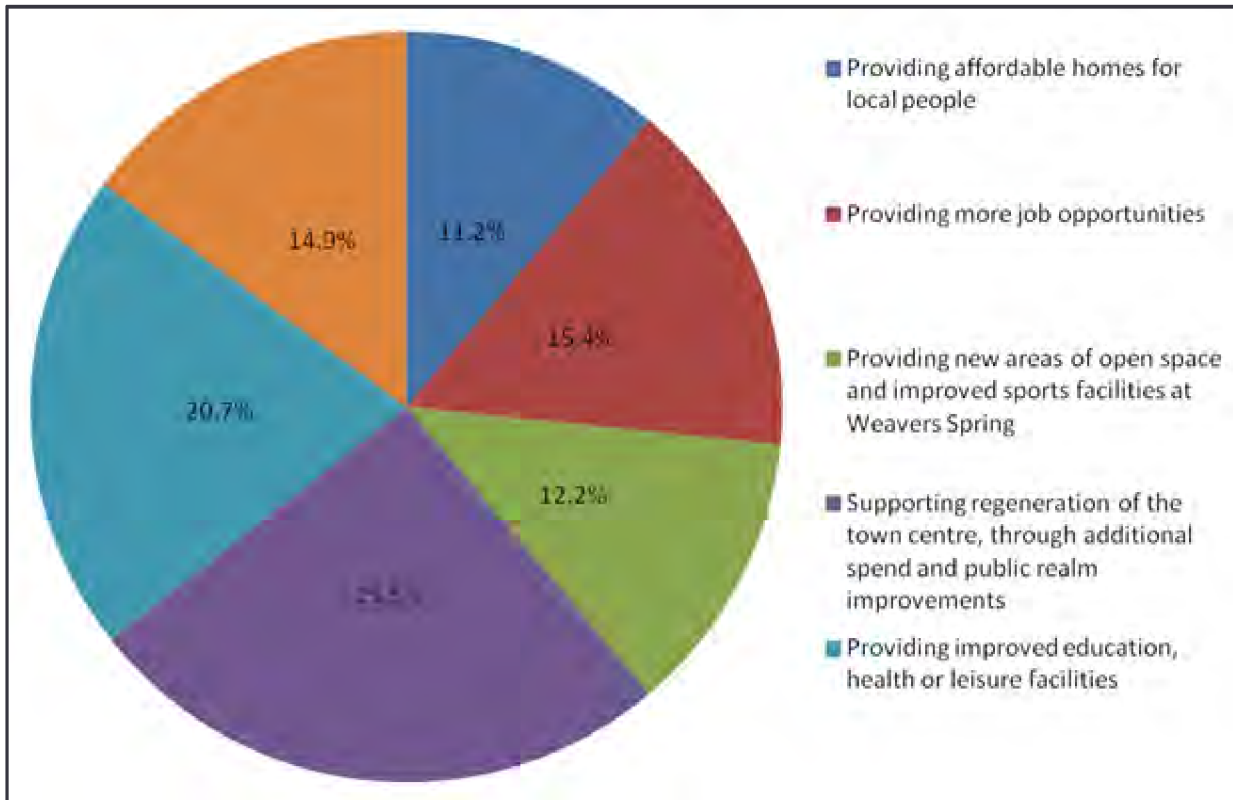


This question was an open-ended question, it received a total of 49 responses from respondents. This Qualitative Analysis has attempted to group the answers into categories, but in Appendix I the full responses can be seen. Figure 4.5 found that there were 78 issues identified by respondents, as some respondents provided more than one important issue that should be considered.

Analysis of these categories shows that traffic and transport was the most important issue that respondents believed should be considered, with 25.6% of the respondents feeling this. Healthcare was also a key issue with 19.2% feeling healthcare (which was the most cited infrastructure in this category), and emergency services were important issues that need to be considered. Similarly retail and town centre regeneration (15.4%) and community and leisure facilities (15.4%) were also issues that needed to be addressed.

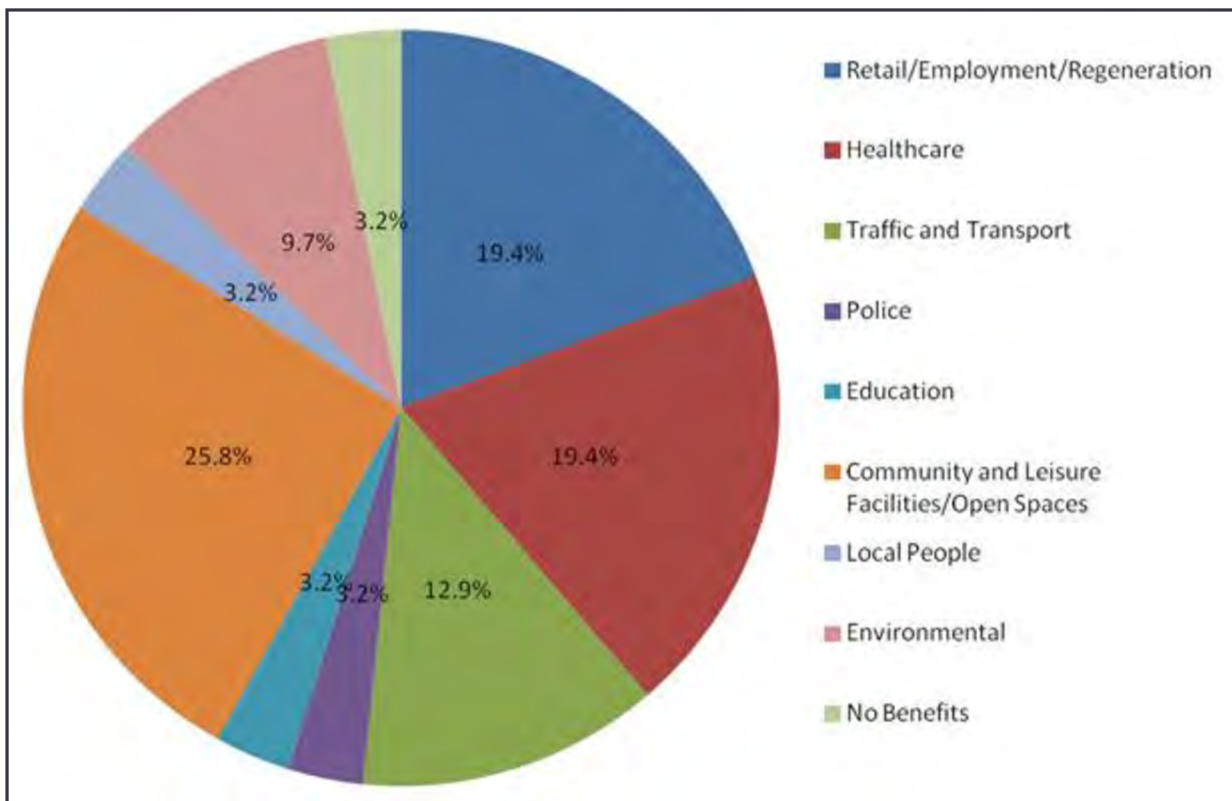
Question 3 - The Earl Shilton SUE could deliver a number of benefits to the Earl Shilton community. Which do you consider are most important (Tick top 3).

Figure 4.6 Potential Benefits Respondents Wanted to be Delivered from the Proposed Development



Most respondents felt supporting regeneration of the town centre was the most important benefit of the scheme, with 25.5% of respondents referring to this possible benefit. The least important issue was providing affordable housing to local people, which had 11.2% of respondents.

Figure 4.7 Other Focus Areas for Community Benefits

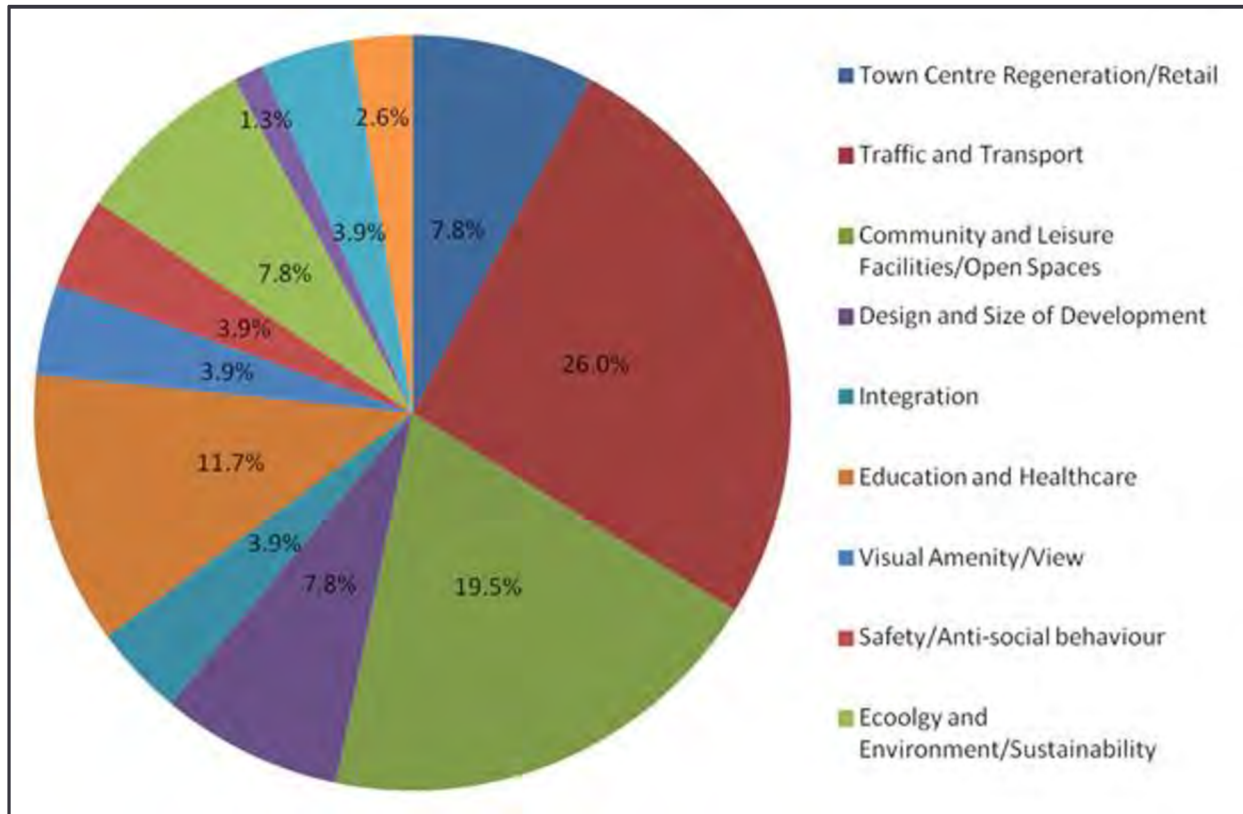


This part of the question was open-ended, it received a total of 27 responses. A Qualitative Analysis has attempted to group the answers into categories, but in Appendix J the full responses can be seen. Figure 4.7 found that there were 31 issues identified by respondents, as some respondents provided more than one possible community that should be focussed upon.

Over a quarter of respondents felt Community and Leisure facilities (25.8%), which included responses around open spaces, should be a focus for community benefits from the proposed development. Economic issues, including, retail employment and regeneration (19.4%) and Healthcare (19.4%) also provided a large response in terms of what community benefits should be delivered. There was one respondent who felt there would be no benefits from the proposed development.

Question 4 - Please use this space to outline any further comments or suggestions as to how the masterplan for Weavers Meadow might be improved.

Figure 4.8 Key Issues That Have Not Been Addressed

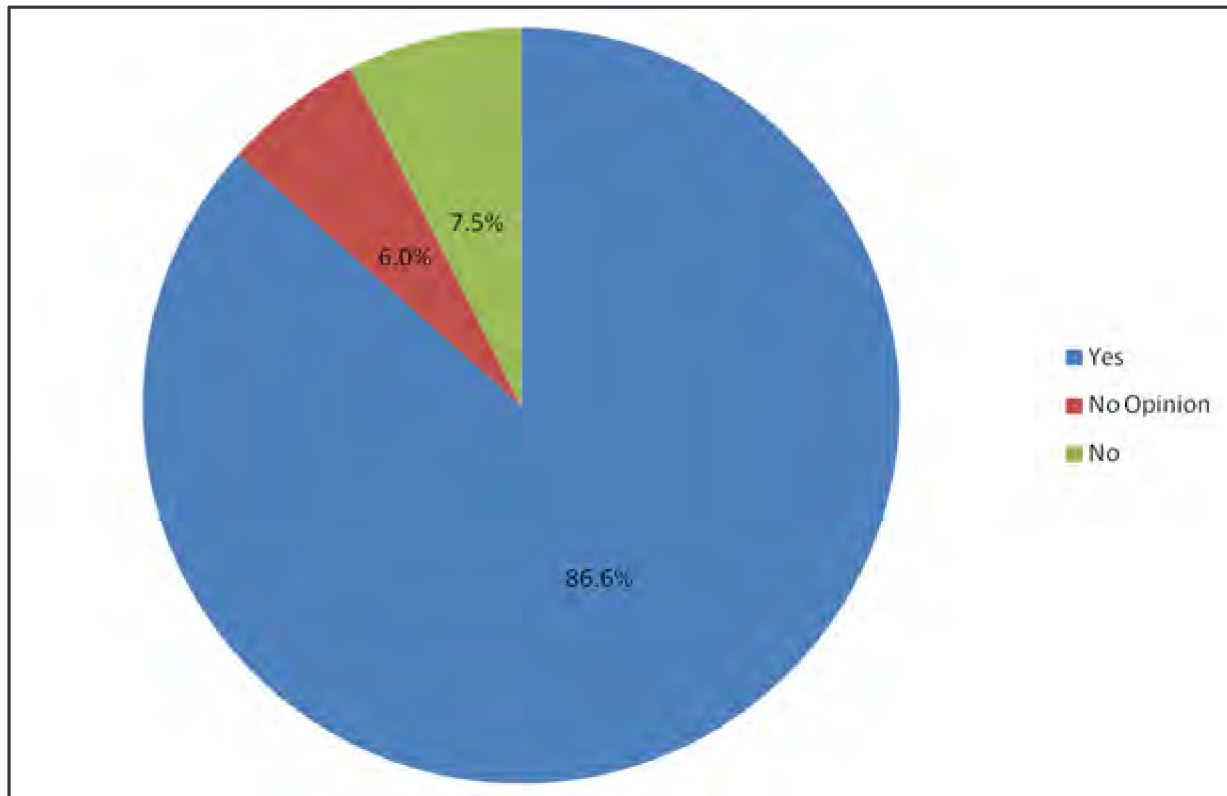


This question was open-ended, it received a total of 40 responses (including the representation made). A Qualitative Analysis has attempted to group the answers into categories, but in Appendix K the full responses can be seen. Figure 4.8 found that there were 77 issues identified by respondents, as some respondents provided more than one important issue that should be considered.

Most of the further comments were related to traffic and transport, with 26% of comments related to this topic. Similarly, 19.5% of comments were related to community and leisure facilities. 11.7% of the comments were also related to education and healthcare. Two of the comments received were positive and in favour of the development, these highlighted the quality green and open spaces provided and the community facilities that were also provided on the proposed development.

Question 5 - Did you find the exhibition material useful?

Figure 4.9 Percentage of Respondents who Liked the Exhibition Material



The exhibition material was well received, with 86.6% of the attendees stating they found the exhibition material useful.

4.3 Demographics of Respondents

Questions 6-9 of the questionnaire asked the respondent about themselves. This was an optional section, which helped the Project Team learn more about the demographics who attended and took part in the consultation process.

Question 6 - allowed the respondent to provide the contact information of the respondents. This enabled the client team, to continue to inform people about the proposed development as it progressed.

Question 7 - asked the respondents the reason for their interest. Figure 4.10 highlights that most people (84.9%) were interested in the proposed development because they were local residents. But interestingly 6.8% of the respondents were interested in the proposed development as they were looking to buy a home in the area, this illustrates that there is some demand for housing in the area.

Question 8 - asked the respondents which age group they belonged to. Figure 4.11 highlights that a 53.6% of the respondents were over 60. There were no respondents between the ages of 18 and 25, with 4.3% of respondents being below 18 years of age.

Question 9 - asked the respondents how they arrived at the exhibition. Figure 4.12 shows that 51.5% of respondents walked to the event, with 47.1% using their car to get to the event. Nobody cycled to the event.

Figure 4.10 The Reason for Respondents Interest in the Proposed Development

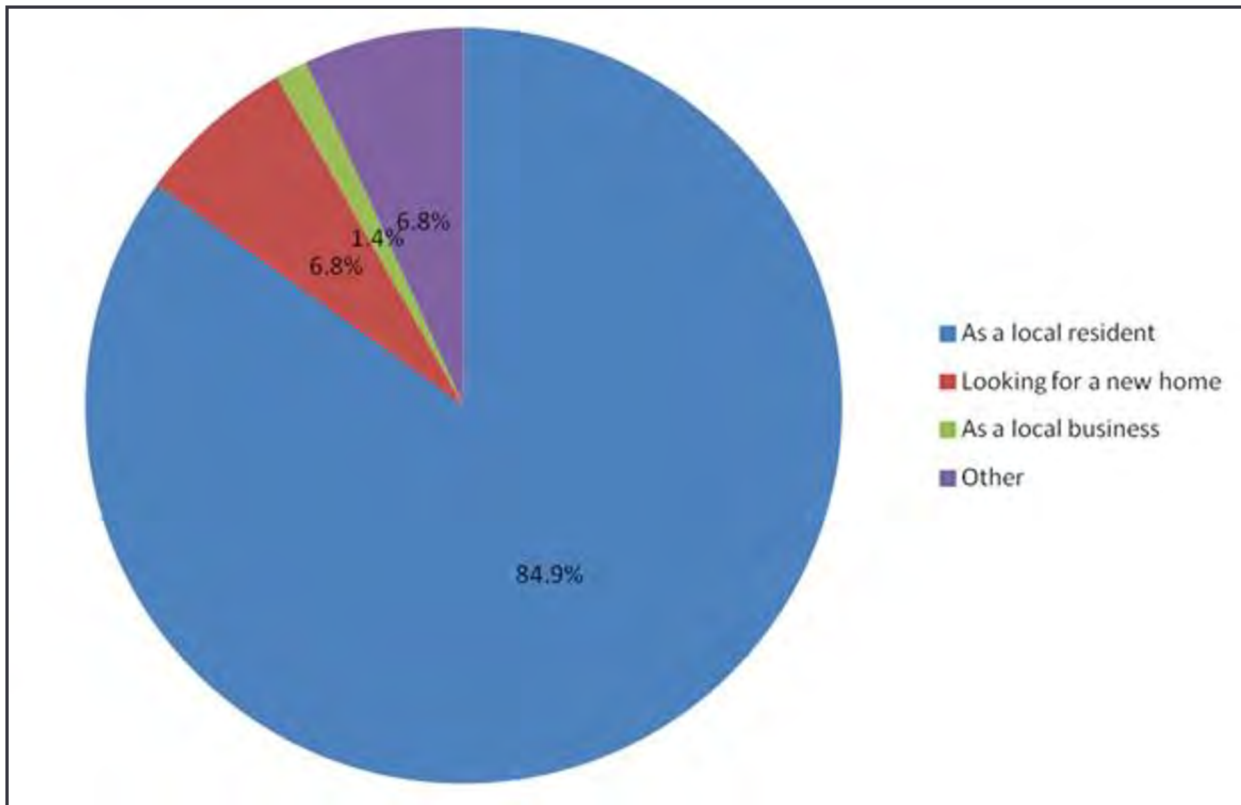


Figure 4.11 Age Group of Respondents

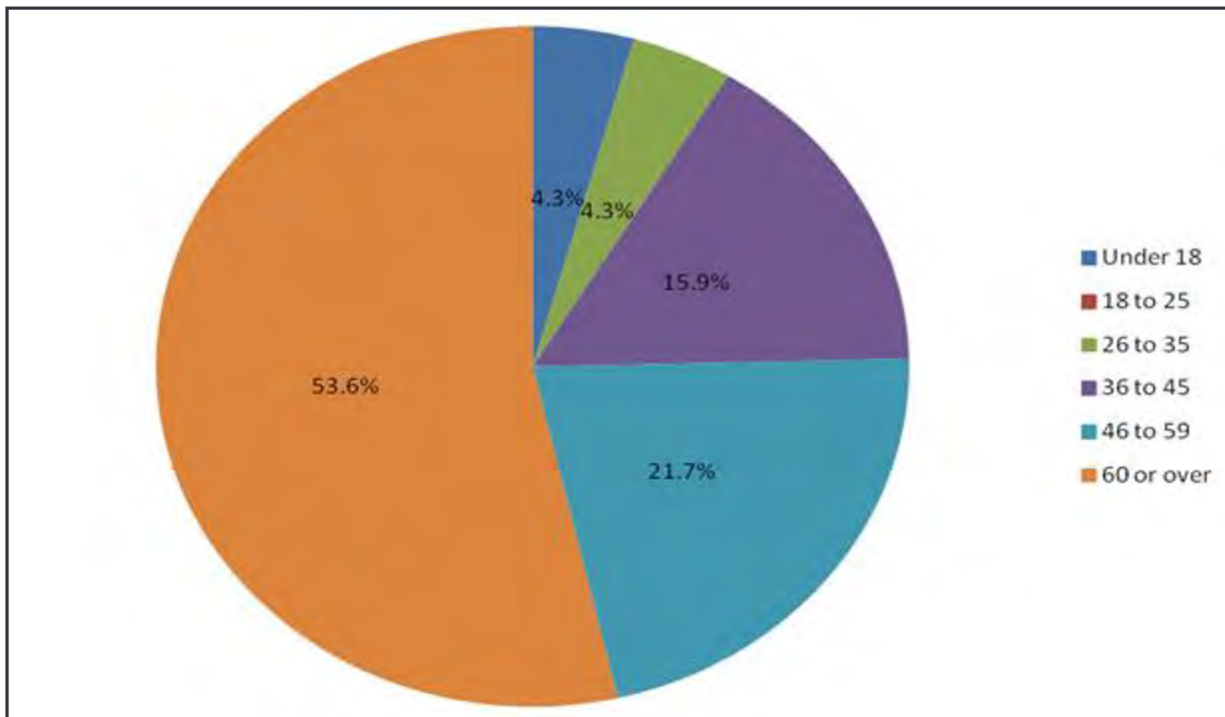
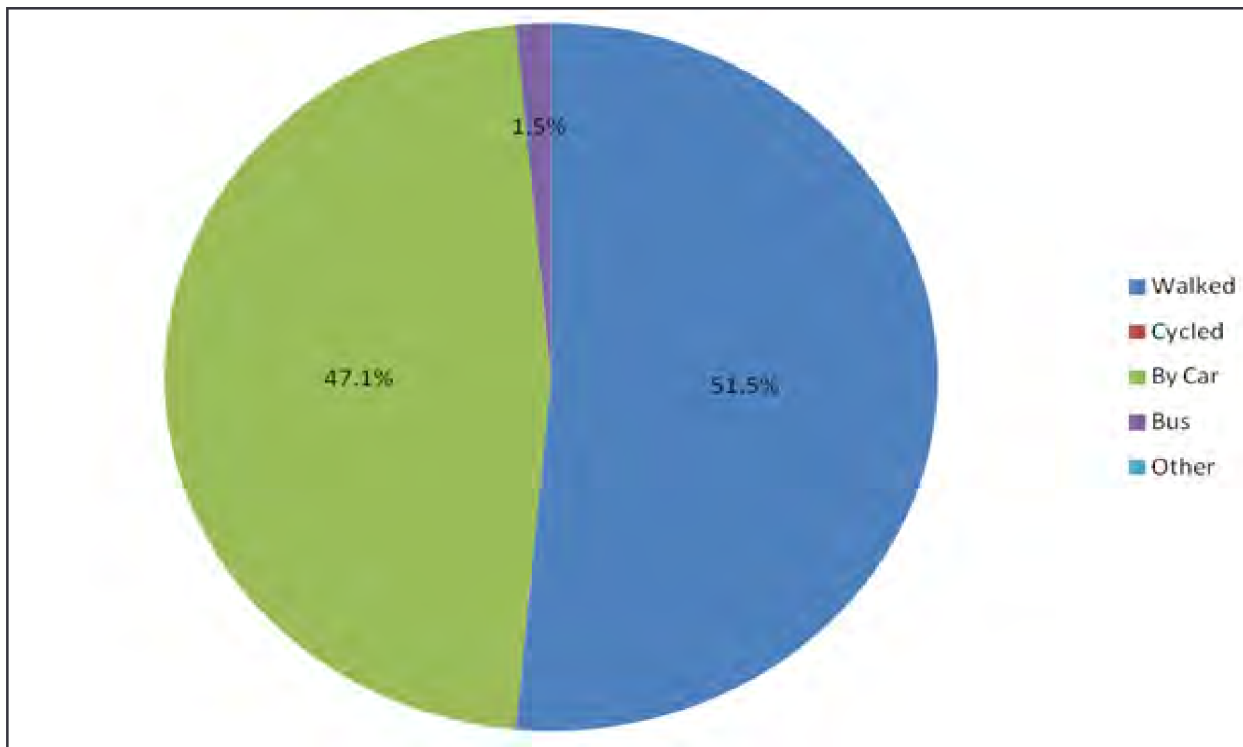


Figure 4.12 How Respondents Got to the Exhibition



5. Conclusion

The Project Team's consultation for the proposed development at the Earl Shilton SUE site proved to be an extremely informative exercise enabling the project team to better understand the views and issues that would affect the local community but also gathering intelligence and building relationships with local representatives.

The feedback has informed the preparation of the applications. After the consultation process the Project Team analysed the proposals against the feedback received and where possible, aimed to address the issues raised.

Table 5.1 Wood's Responses to the Issues Raised

Issues Raised by Consultation	Wood's Response
Location of School	The indicative location of the school has been changed, to ensure a better use of space and provide a better design for the area. The local of the school is in the centre of the site and is now split between the two application areas.
Northern Boundary Changes	There was some concern about the boundary close to the existing housing areas of Earl Shilton, therefore the buffer between the two has been increased to prevent overdevelopment in this area.
Strengthen Green Link	The consultation highlighted that there was a need for further open spaces and to strengthen the green spaces on the proposed development. Work has been undertaken to ensure that the amount of public open space is maximised, whilst balanced with the need to meet the requirements of the Area Action Plan in terms of the quantum of development.
Traffic Issues	Instead of an access off Masfield Drive, a second southern roundabout access onto the A47 Clickers Way is now proposed. This ensures that a suitable access is achieved but importantly it removes traffic from Masfield Drive and will reduce impacts of traffic and noise on existing residents. This arrangement may also lead to less delays on the Strategic Road network.

There were no issues raised that required significant revisions to the overall approach to the development.

The outcomes from the consultation were relayed back to the community through the project website.

As the proposals in 2021 remain fundamentally the same, further engagement with key stakeholders and Officers has taken place, along with a Members Briefing. Awareness of the proposals was raised via an article in the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Bulletin that was distributed to all households in the Borough. The project website includes key details of the scheme and there is opportunity for local residents, businesses and other interested parties to formally comment on the application during the statutory consultation period.

Appendix A

Consultation Boards

Welcome

Barwood Strategic Land II, Bloor Homes, Jelson Homes and their Technical Team would like to welcome you to this public consultation which explains our plans for Weavers Meadow, Earl Shilton.

The site is located to the east of the town, inside the A47 Bypass and extends from Breach Lane in the south to Mill Lane in the north. It forms 61.1 hectares (ha) of the 68.9 ha site allocated as a sustainable urban extension (SUE) for the town.

Community consultation is extremely important to the consortium and we welcome your thoughts on how we can deliver a development that helps meet housing needs, supports the regeneration of the town centre and provides a wide range of benefits for the whole community.

All feedback will be taken into consideration as the proposals for development at Earl Shilton are progressed.

How the Exhibition Works

The exhibition banners explain the background to the development proposals and the key factors which have been considered during the development of the draft masterplan.

Please take as much time as you need to view the exhibition and find out more about the proposals. Feel free to speak to members of our project team who are on hand to listen and answer any questions about the plans. Comment forms are provided and we would welcome your thoughts on the proposals. This is your opportunity to help us shape the plans for Weavers Meadow to ensure the Earl Shilton SUE benefits both existing residents and future generations.



Who We Are

The proposals for Weavers Meadow have been put forward by a consortium of leading developers and house-builders that have a strong reputation for providing high quality homes in sustainable locations.

Barwood Strategic Land II is part of the Barwood group of companies which was created in 1996 and has become one of the leading independent privately owned property companies in the United Kingdom. Barwood focuses on the promotion of sustainable mixed use, residential led planning opportunities with an emphasis on design quality that reflects local character and community needs. It is involved in a number of projects, including the Sustainable Urban Extension at Barwell West.

Bloor Homes is part of the Bloor Group which began building houses over 45 years ago and today is one of the largest privately owned house building groups in the UK. Building in excess of two thousand homes each year, the house-building operation is managed through seven regional companies.

Jelson Homes is a family-owned and run business, which has been building homes throughout the East Midlands since 1889. It is a regional house-builder with an enviable reputation for providing high quality, traditionally built family homes which are at the heart of community.

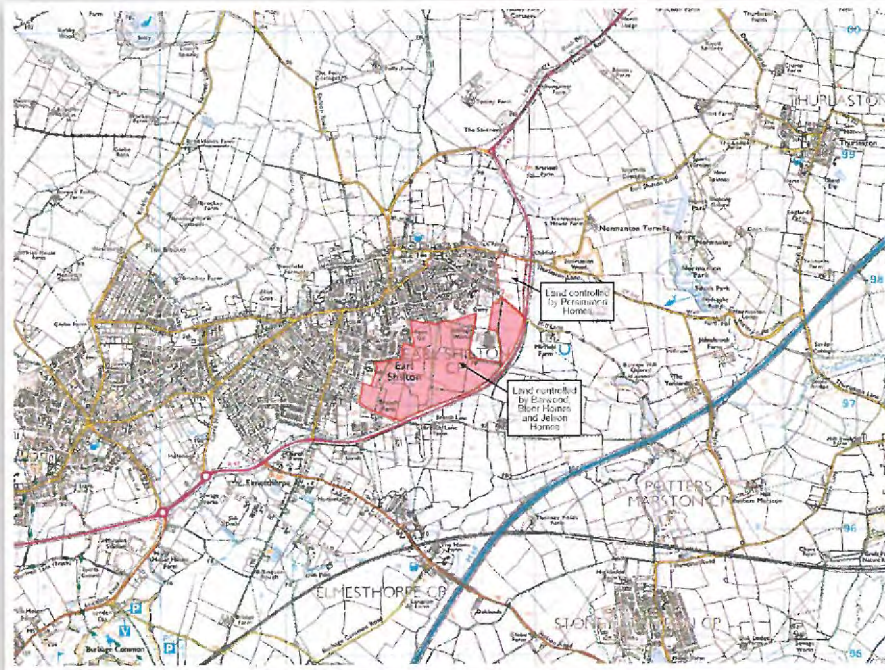
The Consortium is supported by a project team which includes **AMEC** – who are specialist planning, transport and environmental advisors.



Background to the Proposals

Site and Location

The site occupies an area of approximately 60 hectares (ha) of predominantly agricultural land within the A47 Bypass ('Clicker's Way'). Weavers Springs Playing Fields are to the north and the Severn Trent Wastewater Treatment Works (WwTW) is adjacent to the north-eastern portion of the site. To the south is the recent Fox Meadow development and Townlands C of E Primary School.



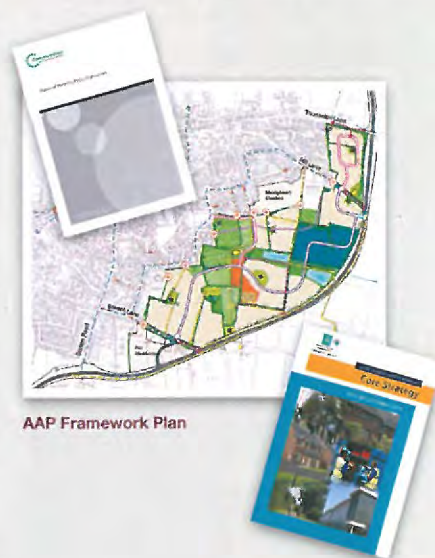
Planning Policy Context

The site, together with land controlled by Persimmon Homes to the north of Mill Lane, comprises the SUE which has been allocated by Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council in their Core Strategy since 2009. After considering all options, the Council found this to be one of the best sites to meet housing needs and support the regeneration of Earl Shilton and the town centre. Core Strategy Policy 2: Development in Earl Shilton sets out the main planning requirements. The Government's National Planning Policy Framework encourages the approval of planning applications without delay where they accord with local plans.

The Borough Council is also in the process of preparing an Area Action Plan (AAP) to provide a more detailed framework for the SUE to ensure that all developers collaborate to meet the town's needs. It will ensure that development is a catalyst for regeneration and that an appropriate level of supporting infrastructure is provided.

Although not finalised we are using the document to inform and guide the preparation of our planning application.

Consultation on the Draft AAP is currently being carried out by the Borough Council as a separate event which runs until 14th October 2013.



AAP Framework Plan

Developing the Proposals

In developing our plans the aim has been to deliver a high quality, attractive and sustainable scheme that meets the need for new homes and supports the regeneration of Earl Shilton and its town centre. In doing so, we are undertaking a range of technical work and consulting widely to ensure the scheme is developable and will deliver a wide range of benefits for existing and new residents.

The Area Action Plan identified the Weavers Meadow site, as well as 7.8 hectares to the north of Mill Lane, as being one of the best options to provide new homes to meet the District's housing needs and deliver wider benefits for local people. Our plans will deliver nearly 90% of the Sustainable Urban Extension and most of the essential supporting infrastructure but do not include the land to the north of Mill Lane. This area is controlled by Persimmon Homes who are preparing their own planning application for submission in the near future. The consortium is working with Persimmon Homes to ensure that the applications deliver a comprehensive and well designed scheme and that the community obtains maximum benefit in the form of new facilities and financial contributions.



Community Benefits and Infrastructure

New homes provide an opportunity for local improvements and new facilities which could not otherwise be created or sustained, such as assisting in the wider efforts to regenerate Earl Shilton and its town centre. Through technical work and consultation, we have considered the impact on schools, roads, health, leisure, recreation and community facilities.

As a mixed use scheme there are significant opportunities to create new jobs, improve the town centre, provide a new primary school, local centre, much needed affordable homes and create an extensive network of enhanced green space. The extra population and workers will help sustain local business through the additional demand for products and services.



Transport Assessments and Access

Assessments are being completed to address traffic concerns and ensure local roads can accommodate the additional traffic that the scheme will generate. AMEC has been working with the Borough and County Council using their Leicester and Leicestershire Integrated Transport Model (LLITM) to test the proposals in combination with development at Barwell West. The objective has been to create an integrated new community supported by an extensive network of bus, pedestrian and cycle routes to help avoid car use and provide easy access to the A47.

Testing has identified the need for the development to fund highway improvements on local roads surrounding Weavers Meadow, i.e. off site. A new road link is proposed to Astley Road which will need to be carefully considered so that additional traffic is minimised and managed. Improvements will also be made to the nearby highway network at Elmesthorpe Lane, Desford Crossing, the A5 at Dodwells and the A47/Ashby Road junction.

Utilities, Flooding and Drainage

Only a very limited area around the Thurlaston Brook running west to east through the centre of the site is at risk of flooding. A drainage strategy is therefore being devised that manages this limited risk and utilises the water course as part of a sustainable drainage system. This will ensure that new and existing homes are protected in the future.

Severn Trent has advised that the sewage works is to be retained and that existing waste flows will be partially diverted to Hinckley. It is therefore anticipated that the existing works will have the capacity to accommodate flows from the new development. Further assessments indicate that water and gas connections will need to be reinforced and several short sections of overhead lines crossing the land could be undergrounded.



Example of a sustainable drainage system

Developing the Proposals

Environmental Assessment

The application will be supported by a full Environmental Statement to specify the impacts of development, taking into account the cumulative impact with Persimmon's proposals. This will cover the following topics:

- Land quality and soils
- Water Environment
- Biodiversity
- Historic Environment
- Landscape and Visual
- Noise
- Air Quality
- Traffic and Transport
- Economic and Community Impacts

Assessments have highlighted significant opportunities to enhance the ecological value of the site which is currently quite limited. A noise assessment has identified the need for suitable design solutions in the vicinity of major noise sources such as the A47 and where connections are proposed to existing roads.

As the sewage works is being retained odour has been a key issue influencing the masterplan design with a 'buffer zone' incorporated in the layout. An assessment of the heritage value of the site has also indicated limited features of interest nevertheless trial trenching is being undertaken to confirm this is the case.

The assessments indicate that the site is deliverable and developable. There are no physical, technical, environmental or ecological constraints preventing the site from coming forward for development.



Modeling has identified which parts of the site could be at risk of flooding

Summary of Opportunities and Constraints



The Masterplan Proposals

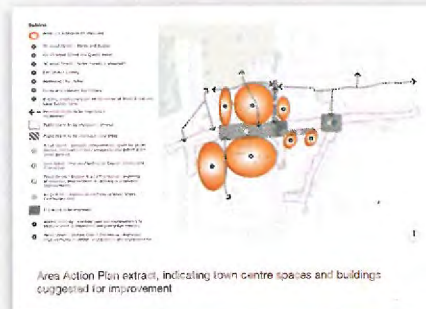
- 1 1,340 homes including up to 20% affordable homes for local people. Residential areas will be houses 2 to 2.5 storeys in height with an average density of 30 dwellings per hectare.
- 2 A new 5.5 hectare strategic business site with direct access to the A47, providing a mix of employment opportunities.
- 3 Community hub with local convenience shops and services, food and drink uses and other community facilities.
- 4 A new primary school located at the heart of the community.
- 5 Improved sports pitches, pavilion, car park and changing rooms at Weavers Springs.
- 6 Enhanced pedestrian and cycle routes from the site to the town centre and within the site to encourage alternatives to the car and improve integration with existing communities.
- 7 Retention of good quality hedgerows and trees across the site and their enhancement as part of a landscaping framework.
- 8 Ecological enhancement and public access to the Thurlaston Brook, restoration of ponds and new habitat creation for great crested newts and other wildlife.
- 9 Sustainable drainage systems to ensure no increased flood risk on or off site, designed as an attractive part of the green space network.
- 10 About 30% of the site will be new or enhanced public open space, children's play areas, school playing fields, landscaping and wildlife habitats.
- 11 Two direct links to the A47 so traffic can avoid the town centre and gain easy access to the strategic road network.
- 12 A local vehicle link to Astley Road for local trips to the town centre and improved bus access and services.
- 13 Future link to Persimmon land.
- 14 Closure of Breach Lane to through traffic.
- 15 Area for improved local traffic management.



Benefits for Earl Shilton

One of the main reasons for the allocation of site for development by the Borough Council is to support the regeneration of Earl Shilton. In working up our more detailed plans we have been mindful of this objective and are proposing a scheme that could help deliver the following benefits:

- New high quality housing of a range of sizes, types and tenures to meet the local needs.
- The provision of on site 'affordable housing' to respond to identified needs such as the elderly, key workers (e.g. nurses or teachers), as well as first time buyers struggling to get their foot on the housing ladder.
- Financial contributions to improve existing social housing stock within the Borough which will help fund affordable housing initiatives.
- Residents and workers will generate significant new spend within the local economy supporting existing businesses. Combined household income is likely to be around £32M.
- The potential to create about 1,000 new jobs as a result of the new business areas, school and community facilities on site.
- Creation or support for over 2,000 jobs in the construction sector, of which nearly 200 could be provided directly on site at any one time.
- Investment in a new primary school on site and contributions for improving existing secondary schooling.
- Provide about £11M for local projects by taking advantage of the Government's New Homes Bonus scheme.
- Financial contributions to town centre improvements as proposed in the Borough Council's AAP to help reinvigorate and regenerate the area as an attractive place to live and shop.
- Contributions towards improved healthcare facilities and GP services.
- Potential contributions to library facilities.
- Funding to help the Town Council deliver improved facilities at Weavers Springs, new parking, changing facilities, improved pitches and play areas.
- Retention and enhancement of the Thurlaston Brook corridor and delivery of a wider green space network with public access.
- Access and movement will be improved through footpath and cycle connections to Earl Shilton, traffic calming and highway improvements on Astley Road.



Park between High Street and Almays Lane



More play facilities will be provided



Area identified for public realm improvement in AAP



Nearly 200 construction jobs could be provided directly on site



Setting to church and library identified for improvement



A new primary school will be provided on site



Residential areas will be complemented by public open space

This initial list of benefits is still being developed and we are committed to working with local councils, community and stakeholders to identify the priorities. Greater detail will be added following consultation feedback and during the planning application process.

As the plans are finalised we will need to ensure that the development is deliverable and the benefits are affordable. We would therefore welcome your thoughts on what the priorities should be.

These benefits will be secured through a legal or 'Section 106' agreement before any planning permission is granted. This will ensure they are delivered when they are needed.

Transport and Access

In addition to supporting local regeneration objectives traffic and transport has been identified as one of the most important local issues. In preparing our plans we have therefore been working closely the Borough Council, County Council and Highways Agency. The aim has been to identify solutions that reduce the need to travel, encourage walking, cycling and public transport alternatives to the car and ensure that additional traffic can be accommodated on the local road network.

A detailed transport assessment has been undertaken to underpin and inform our plans. The measures will be secured through a legal agreement and 'Travel Plan' setting out how they will be implemented.

Maximising opportunities for cycling and walking

Upgrades are proposed to many of the existing routes, footpaths and rights of way between the development and Earl Shilton's town centre to encourage these sustainable methods of travel, e.g. on to Astley Road and via Breach Lane. This could include better lighting and surfacing.

By providing facilities such as a school, employment area and convenience retail on the site, trips are more likely to be contained within the site itself and less likely to be undertaken by car.



Proposed location of new junction, Astley Road to be traffic calmed

Bus Services and Better Connections

It is proposed to improve bus services to the development and for existing residents of Earl Shilton to the following destinations:

- Hinckley
- Earl Shilton
- Barwell
- Leicester

Early phases of the development will have direct and attractive links to existing high frequency services on Astley Road to encourage their use from the outset. As the development progresses there will be opportunities to improve bus services to the site as the other access points are delivered off Astley Road and the A47. This will be secured through financial contributions, a public transport strategy and a legal agreement.

Site Access

Access is proposed from three locations:

- An extension of the existing Masfield Drive and upgrade of the junction with the A47.
- A new roundabout junction with the A47, just south of Mill Lane. This may ultimately have a connection through to Mill Lane and will be designed to facilitate access to the Persimmon land.
- A roundabout junction on Astley Road that could also provide improved access to enhanced sports facilities.

This access strategy is designed to direct the majority of traffic towards the A47 therefore limiting traffic in town. The Astley Road link will provide easy access for the new residents to the town centre by a variety of means. Modelling shows it is expected to accommodate a modest number of trips by car. Traffic management measures are proposed to help control speeds and discourage its use as a through route.



Proposed access designs and their location

Other Highway Improvements

As well as the new accesses, ongoing discussions with the County Council will agree traffic calming measures to Astley Road and other routes as required. In addition and in combination with the new homes at Barwell West and elsewhere, over £1M will be contributed to the County's planned improvements to Elmesthorpe Lane, Desford Crossroads, the A5 at Dodwells and the A47/Ashby Road junction.



Proposed traffic management to Astley Road and improved parking close to the school

Your Views and Next Steps

Planning Application Process and Timing

It is anticipated that an outline planning application will be submitted to the Borough Council later in autumn 2013. The Borough Council will then undertake formal consultation and you will have the opportunity to comment again on the submitted plans.

Should outline planning permission be granted, it will be accompanied by a legal agreement to secure delivery of the community benefits package. The developer will still need to submit detailed plans to the Borough Council for approval before any development can start. This will set out the appearance of individual buildings, access, materials, planting and layout.

As a large and complicated scheme, development would be undertaken in phases over a period commencing at the earliest in 2015/16. Delivery rates are assumed at an average of about 120 homes a year meaning completion is anticipated by 2026.

How to Respond and Next Steps

Your views on the proposals are of great importance to us, so please complete a feedback form and deposit it in the comments box before you leave.

Alternatively, you may view the proposals in your own time and leave comments at www.earlshiltonsue.com before 5pm on Friday 11th October, 2013.

The next step will be for the project team to review all the comments received from the local community and other interested parties. This is an important phase in the development of the proposals and will be used to improve our plans before a planning application is submitted.

We will keep you updated on progress of the proposals via our project website.



Barwood, Bloor Homes and Jelson Homes would like to thank you for attending this exhibition.



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Appendix B

Consultation Website

Earl Shilton SUE - Windows Internet Explorer

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Community Consultation on Earl Shilton's Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE)

On behalf of Barwood Strategic Land II, Bloor Homes and Jelson Homes, welcome to this community consultation website, which outlines our development proposals for land at Weavers Meadow in Earl Shilton.



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Appendix C

Questionnaire

Weavers Meadow – Earl Shilton’s Sustainable Urban Extension

Feedback Form

Ahead of submitting an Outline Planning Application to Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council, the Consortium (Barwood Strategic Land II, Bloor Homes and Jelson Homes) wants to hear the views of local people and businesses regarding its proposals.

This is your opportunity to help influence and shape the plans for Weavers Meadow. Therefore, please take time to read through our proposals – outlined at the public exhibition – and then complete this feedback form. Please note that the consultation ends on 11th October 2013.

1. What do you think are the most important issues to be considered when planning for new jobs, community facilities and homes in Earl Shilton?

Please rank the following with ‘1’ being MOST important and ‘7’ being LEAST important.
(The lower the number, the more important you consider the issue).

Please note: You should have just one tick in each column. ✓

	Most important				Least important		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
To respect the natural environment, including wildlife and landscape							
Ensuring that there are benefits to Earl Shilton and its existing residents							
Ensuring that the new community is integrated and connected to Earl Shilton							
Minimising car use and encouraging walking, cycling and public transport use							
Ensuring that community facilities and infrastructure can cope, e.g. schools and roads							
Providing open space, accessible for new and existing residents							
Ensuring that development is well designed and contributes to addressing climate change							

2. Do you feel that there are other important issues to consider?
If yes, please state below:

XXXXXXXXXX

3. The Earl Shilton SUE could deliver a number of benefits to the Earl Shilton community.
Which do you consider are most important?

Please tick your Top 3

- | | | |
|--------------------------|--|-------|
| ☐ | Providing affordable homes for local people | |
| ☐ | Providing more job opportunities | ✓ x 3 |
| ☐ | Providing new areas of open space and improved sports facilities at Weavers Springs | |
| ☐ | Supporting regeneration of the town centre, through additional spend and public realm improvements | |
| ☐ | Providing improved education, health or leisure facilities | |
| ☐ | Investing in transport infrastructure, e.g. highways, bus, cycling and walking | |

If you think there should be other focus areas for community benefits, please state below:

XXXXXXXXXX

4. Please use this space to outline any further comments or suggestions as to how the masterplan for Weavers Meadow might be improved

XXXXXXXXXX

5. Did you find the exhibition material useful?

☐

Yes

☐

No opinion

☐

No

ABOUT YOU

To help gain an understanding of who has provided feedback, we would be grateful if you could tell us something about you (optional information).

In providing your data you confirm that you are happy for it to be held in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and subsequent revisions. We will not distribute your details to any third parties.

6. Your Details		
Name	XXXXXXXXXX	
Address 1		
Address 2		
City/Town		
Post Code		
Email Address		
Phone Number		

7. What is the reason for your interest?	8. Your age group	9. Finally, how did you get to the exhibition?
(Tick all that apply) ✓	(Tick one) ✓	(Tick one) ✓
☐ As a local resident	☐ Under 18	☐ Walked
☐ Looking for a new home	☐ 18 to 25	☐ Cycled
☐ As a local business	☐ 26 to 35	☐ By Car
☐ Other (please specify)	☐ 36 to 45	☐ By Bus
	☐ 46 to 59	☐ Other (please specify)
	☐ 60 or over	

What Happens Next?

All feedback received will be given careful consideration before development proposals for the site are finalised and will be summarised and documented in a Statement of Community Involvement report.

Following submission of the planning application, Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council will undertake a formal (statutory) period of consultation on the proposals, where you will have a further opportunity to comment.

THANK YOU.



Appendix D

Newspaper Articles

Please find below an outline of the consultation programme to engage with the local residents, politicians and stakeholders regarding the consortium's proposals for Weavers Meadow - Earl Shilton's Sustainable Urban Extension.

Consultation Overview

The consultation will be undertaken in accordance with Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council's Statement of Community Involvement and will uphold the principles of Localism, as well as those enshrined in the National Planning Policy Framework.

It will involve a variety of methods to gain feedback from all parties affected by or interested in the proposals. All comments will be considered in the development of the final plans and the community will be updated on the progression of the proposals throughout.

The consultation and communication activity is outlined below:

- Leaflets will be distributed to all 4,833 households and businesses in Earl Shilton ward to ensure those with local knowledge of the area and those likely to be affected are informed of the consortium's proposals. The leaflet will provide an outline of the plans, details of the public exhibition and ways to contact the development team, as well as information relating to applicants.
- Letters and leaflets will be sent to all members of Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council, including the Leader of the Council, Councillor Bray; ward members for the site, Councillor Allen, Councillor Richards and Councillor Ladkin; Leader of the Conservative Group, Councillor Batty; and members of the Planning Committee. All members of Earl Shilton Town Council will also be notified of the proposals.

The consortium has previously met with Council Leader, Councillor Bray, and Executive Member, Councillor Gould, and meetings will be offered to ward members and the Leader of the Conservative Group to ensure cross-party briefings are held with members. The consortium will ensure members are kept up to date as the plans progress and will continue dialogue with councillors during the planning process.

- Key stakeholders that are expected to be directly affected by the proposals or likely to take an interest will be advised of the public consultation event and encouraged to provide feedback on the initial plans. These stakeholders include local schools, churches, community groups, such as Earl Shilton Scout Group, and business groups, for example Leicestershire Chamber of Commerce.

- A public exhibition will be held from 3pm – 8pm on Friday, 27th September and from 10am – 4pm on Saturday, 28th September at Earl Shilton Baptist Church on the corner of Mill Lane and Almeys Lane in Earl Shilton; an accessible venue for anyone interested in the proposals.

A preview for politicians (all councillors and David Tredinnick MP) will also be held ahead of the opening of the public exhibition on Friday, 27th September from 2pm to 3pm at Church. Members of the development team will be available throughout the event for attendees to talk to and to answer questions

- The media, notably the Hinckley Times, Leicester Mercury and Nuneaton News, Hilltop Radio and BBC Radio Leicester, will be issued with a press release to fully brief the press about the proposals and invited to view the plans at the public exhibition. In addition, the public exhibition will be further advertised in the local area with leaflets distributed to venues with high footfall in the area, such as Earl Shilton Library.
- Questionnaires to capture feedback on the plans will be available at the public exhibition. The questionnaire will ask attendees for their views on the proposals and those who wish to complete a form will be given the option of being able to leave them on the day of the exhibition or provided with a postal address to return.
- A website, www.earlshiltonsue.com, will be created specifically for this project and will 'go live' to coincide with the delivery of the newsletters to announce the public exhibition. The website will contain additional information about the plans than will be provided in the leaflet, as well as provide the questionnaire so that visitors can leave their comments on the plans and contact details so that respondents can get in touch with the project team. Exhibition material will be accessible from the first day of the public exhibition. The website will be continually updated as the plans progress, informing people of how the proposals have developed throughout the consultation period.
- A community information line, 0844 556 3002, will be established to deal with any enquiries relating to the scheme and to meet requests for further information. Additionally, an email address, info@earshiltonsue.com, will be available to provide further access to members of the development team.

All feedback received during the public consultation will be carefully considered by members of the development team, with comments and suggestions from local residents and stakeholders being used to inform the final plans. A report outlining the community involvement undertaken and its outcome will also be submitted as part of the planning application.

Fears over plan for town homes

<http://www.thisisleicestershire.co.uk/Fears-plan-town-homes/story-19891999-detail/story.html#axzz2hsHdWK12>

Leicester Mercury, Saturday 5 October 2013

A residents' group has voiced environmental concerns over plans to build more than 1,300 homes.

A consortium of developers and house-builders has launched a public consultation on its proposals for Weavers Meadow, in Earl Shilton.

It held a two-day exhibition in the town, attended by 200 people.

Residents had a chance to speak to company representatives about the proposals before a planning application is submitted to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council.

The consortium, comprising Barwood Strategic Land II, Bloor Homes and Jelson Homes, said Weavers Meadow would provide up to 1,340 homes, including accommodation for elderly people, key workers, including nurses or teachers, and first-time buyers.

It will also provide money to invest in existing affordable housing stock within the borough.

David Joseph, from Bloor Homes, on behalf of the consortium, said: "Understanding the views of the people of Earl Shilton is really important to us, as we want to ensure plans for Weavers Meadow deliver the new homes the borough needs, as well as wider benefits for the community.

"We will review all the feedback received, which will be used to help shape the final proposals before an application is submitted to the council."

The proposals will include community facilities and employment units for up to 1,000 jobs. There will be improved open space, a children's play area and school playing fields. Money will be provided to enhance Weaver Springs recreation and sports facilities.

However, Alan Greenwood, of the Earl Shilton Action Group, said: "We have serious concerns about the environmental impact this scheme will have.

"We feel it will destroy an area of attractive countryside which is rich in wildlife.

"From what I have seen, the development appears simply to be a dormitory village for Hinckley. There will be access roads onto the A47 but no link road into Earl Shilton."

People can view the materials which were displayed at the exhibition at the website below, along with an online version of the feedback form.

All completed forms should be submitted to the consortium, either by post, or via the website, by Friday.

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Traffic flow due to SUE will be high

One of the major impacts of the development of the Barwell and Earl Shilton SUEs on the area, will be the significant additional traffic using the local road infrastructure. Leicestershire Highways have used computer modelling to estimate the additional traffic, and to propose enhancements to the existing network to cope with it.

However I believe their model is fundamentally flawed as for the Barwell SUE of 2,500 houses it forecasts only 384 vehicles leaving the SUE in the peak rush hour between 8am and 9am.

This figure is clearly wrong. If the plan as proposed is implemented, then it is highly likely that there will be increased use of local rural and urban rat runs, including going through the centre of Hinckley to access the M69, and the Northern Perimeter Road will grind to a halt during the peak period.

Your readers have until next Monday to comment on the consultation, either by post or by email.

Details of how to do this are on the council's website

Roy Mitchell
Stoke Golding

Town taken over by traffic

Like many of your readers, I am sure that the census that took place at the Hub crossroads recently was the final straw for many. After months of being subjected to road closures, traffic lights and roadworks, who on earth thought that running a census on the only two roads over the train tracks into town was anywhere near a good idea?

I appreciate that Hinckley has its traffic problems but do the public really need to be asked what the problem is? Surely those in charge must have worked this out for themselves by now?

It would have made more sense to run the census outside National Grid, whose workers continue to park alongside Coventry Road turning a major route into Hinckley into a single-file chicane.

We also all know there was nothing wrong with the roundabout at the Hub. Why fix the one thing about Hinckley's road network which wasn't broken?

I can only assume some over-

paid latte-sipping idiot in an office far away decided that Hinckley didn't have enough traffic lights. Now, there are queues backing up to the leisure centre at 5pm and woe betide anyone trying to get off Westfield or Hawley Road onto the Rugby Road in a hurry!

Despite this epic fail, the huge problems outside National Grid are allowed to continue, where it would only take a little bit of yellow paint to sort the problem out.

The wider problem, however, is that Hinckley is a bottleneck. Without demolishing properties, which is never popular, I fully appreciate that there is little scope for widening, or to create a third route over the railway bridge. However, we do have a criminally underused motorway running by the town: the M69. Using this road to a fuller potential would help ease the congestion issues around the town.

I propose two improvements: Open up the other end of Junction 2, allowing traffic from the M6 to

exit to Sapcote and the other end of the town rather than having to use Junction 1 and drive through Burbage. Likewise traffic bound the other way would be able to join at Junction 2 rather than 1 as they have to currently.

Create a Junction 3 near Earl Shilton, with a spur off the motorway down to Clicker's Way. This would allow traffic from Earl Shilton and Barwell bound for Coventry or the M6 to get on the M69 further north, and would not need to drive through Hinckley and Burbage to get to the motorway.

These are very simple improvements which would ease traffic flow through Hinckley quite considerably. We would also create, de facto, a much-needed Burbage bypass.

It's a major problem and it strikes me that a little bit of out-of-the-box thinking is all that's required to fix it.

James Martin
Herald Way, Burbage

Feedback sought on Weavers Meadow plans

RESIDENTS are being asked to give feedback on the proposed Earl Shilton SUE development.

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line version of the feedback form.

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Prince Harry spends a night in the freezer

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MAN IN TROUBLE WITH THE PRIME MINISTER

See Page 3

Public invited to have say on proposals for Earl Shilton SUE

PLAN FOR 1,300 HOMES REVEALED

PROPOSALS to extend Earl Shilton by building more than 1,300 new homes are to go public next week.

A consortium of developers - Barwood, Bloor Homes and Jelson Homes - has drawn up a blueprint for a Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE) that would swell the town to the east, as far as the A47 Clickers Way.

As well as hundreds of new homes, the development would include a new primary school, roads, green space, footpaths and cycleways.

The proposed site, which extends from Breach Lane in the south to Mill Lane in the north, has been earmarked for development by the borough council since 2009.

A similar kind of scheme, which will add 2,500 new homes to Barwell, was

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approved by borough councillors earlier this year.

An exhibition about the Earl Shilton SUE will be set up at Earl Shilton Baptist Church, on the corner of Mill Lane and Almeys Lane, next Friday and Saturday.

It will be open to the public from 3pm to 8pm on the Friday and from 10am to 4pm on the Saturday.

Members of the project team will be on hand to answer questions.

A spokesman for the consortium said: "This is an exciting opportunity for Earl Shilton and we believe the

proposals can offer a range of benefits, both for existing and new residents.

"But we want to hear what local people think of our draft plans.

"We are committed to listening to local people and really want to hear your views. We will consider all of the feedback carefully as we refine our proposals, prior to a planning application being submitted to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council later this year."

If it goes ahead, the development could help the borough meet its target housing provision out to the 2026.

The consortium says it could provide up to 1,000 jobs, improved community facilities and help to regenerate the town centre.

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Where is cash for Barwell?

Reading the recent issue of the council's Borough Bulletin news letter I was surprised to see that the council claims to have saved the bus station scheme.

During the recent battle with regard to the Barwell SUE we were repeatedly told by our two Lib Dem councillors that the only way to obtain funds for much needed Barwell village improvements was to accept the unwanted 2,500 house development.

It would appear that there are no such financial restrictions when it comes to improvements in Hinckley where they are happy at short notice to risk huge amounts of local taxpayers' money to financially support this build.

When will the local Lib Dems stop treating the people of Barwell as second class citizens and give us fair treatment.

Huw Williams
via website



Appendix E

Press Release

PRESS RELEASE

DATE: 25th September 2013



RESIDENTS INVITED TO HAVE THEIR SAY ON PLANS FOR WEAVERS MEADOW

A consortium of leading developers and housebuilders has today launched its public consultation on proposals for Weavers Meadow, a new Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE) in Earl Shilton, and is inviting local people to an exhibition to find out more about the initial proposals.

Barwood Strategic Land II, Bloor Homes and Jelson Homes are preparing a planning application for a Sustainable Urban Extension on land which Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council has allocated through its Core Strategy for development.

Weavers Meadow will deliver up to 1,340 new homes, offering a range of housing types and sizes. This will include affordable housing to respond to identified local needs, such as the elderly, key workers, for example nurses or teachers, as well as first time buyers struggling to get their foot on the housing ladder. Additionally, a financial sum will be provided to invest in existing affordable housing stock within the Borough which will help fund affordable housing initiatives.

The proposals will also provide new and enhanced public open space, as well as areas for enjoying recreation and sporting activities, such as a children's play area and school playing fields. The plans will also provide funding to enhance Weaver Springs recreation and sports facilities, including improved pitches and new changing rooms.

Extensive landscaping will be provided throughout the development, with the retention of onsite hedgerows and trees, where possible, to integrate the plans into the local area. The proposals will also enhance the ecological environment by providing public access to the Thurlaston Brook and creating new habitats for local wildlife. Overall, 30% of the sites will deliver natural green spaces for the local community to use and enjoy.

Weavers Meadow will also deliver a community hub, offering local convenience shops and services for new residents, as well as a new primary school at the centre of the development. An area for

employment use is also proposed, with direct access to the A47 providing a range of employment opportunities locally. In total, the new employment area, primary school and community facilities will create approximately 1,000 new jobs, with additional jobs created in the construction sector, including the potential for apprenticeship opportunities.

The Sustainable Urban Extension will also deliver substantial benefits for the existing community, as new residents at Weavers Meadow will provide additional spend locally, providing knock-on benefits for existing shops and services in Earl Shilton. The scheme will also deliver a package of financial contributions to provide local improvements, such as for secondary school provision, local roads, healthcare and GP services. The plans will also support the regeneration of Earl Shilton Town Centre to ensure it is an attractive place for existing and new residents to visit.

Ahead of submitting a planning application to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, the consortium is consulting with residents, local groups and interested parties about the proposals to hear the views of the community. A public exhibition has been arranged on Friday, 27th September from 3pm – 8pm and Saturday, 28th September from 10am – 4pm at Earl Shilton Baptist Church on the corner of Mill Lane and Almeys Lane in Earl Shilton.

Local people are being encouraged to attend the exhibition where members of the development team will be available to listen to the views of the community and answer questions about the proposals. Feedback forms will also be available for local residents to complete and let their views be known to the consortium. All feedback will be considered as the plans are progressed and finalised, prior to the submission of a planning application later this year.

Rebecca Mitchell from Barwood Strategic Land II, on behalf of the consortium, said:

“Our plans for Weavers Meadow will not only respond to the severe housing crisis that we are facing by providing new homes to meet local needs, but also deliver major benefits for existing residents of Earl Shilton. New homes provide an opportunity to provide local improvements and new facilities which could not otherwise be created or sustained, such as assisting in the wider efforts to regenerate Earl Shilton and its town centre.

“This really is an exciting time for Earl Shilton, but we want to know what local people think about the proposals before we finalise our plans. At the heart of our proposals is a commitment to consulting with local people, so we have arranged an exhibition to allow

anyone interested in the plans to come and find out more and have their say. We hope that residents will let us know their views, which will help us to shape the plans for Weavers Meadows and ensure the Earl Shilton SUE benefits both existing residents and future generations.”

Local people can find out more about the plans by calling our community information line on 0844 556 3002 or www.earlshiltonsue.com, where the exhibition material will also be accessible from Friday 27th September.

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PRESS RELEASE

DATE: 2nd October 2013



LOCAL RESIDENTS ENCOURAGED TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK FOLLOWING PUBLIC EXHIBITION FOR WEAVERS MEADOW

Local residents are being encouraged to provide feedback on the proposals for Weavers Meadow, a new Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE) in Earl Shilton.

On Friday and Saturday, Barwood Strategic Land II, Bloor Homes and Jelson Homes held a public exhibition at Earl Shilton Baptist Church to allow the local community to find out more about the proposals. Around 200 people, including local residents, politicians and stakeholders, attended the exhibition and were able to view a series of exhibition banners that provided an overview of the plans.

Members of the development team were available throughout the exhibition, including staff from planning and transport disciplines, alongside representatives of the consortium, to listen to the views of attendees and answer questions raised about the plans for Weavers Meadow.

The consortium is committed to listening to the people of Earl Shilton about the proposals and questionnaires were available at the exhibition to capture feedback. This provided an opportunity for the local community to offer their thoughts, comments and ideas about the draft proposals, which will be reviewed and used to refine the plans ahead of submitting a planning application later this year.

David Joseph from Bloor Homes, on behalf of the consortium, said:

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“Those who were unable to attend the consultation event can view the information that was displayed at the event at our website. We hope local people will take a look at the consultation material online and complete an online version of the feedback form.

“We will review all the feedback received, which will be used to help shape the final proposals before an application is submitted to the Council.”

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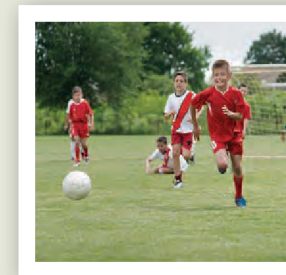
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Appendix G

Formal Invitations

Councillor «Firstname» «Surname»

«Address_1_»

«Address_2_»

«Town»

«Post_Code»

12th September 2013

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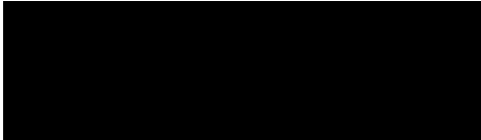
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The Earl Shilton Consortium includes Bloor Homes, Barwood Land and Jelson Homes working closely together to propose a brand new development south of Earl Shilton. The site has been earmarked for a Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE) development in the current Hinckley & Bosworth Local Plan to 2026. Details of how this will look is detailed in another Local Plan document, the Earl Shilton & Barwell Area Action Plan (AAP) Development Plan Document. This AAP was adopted by the Council in September 2014.

In late 2020 the Consortium of developers submitted an Environmental Scoping Report to the Council so that agreement could be reached in securing the best way of managing environmental impacts as a result of this development. Technical work is progressing, and a planning application is expected to be submitted to the Council later in 2021.

Draft proposals include a residential led mixed-use development of up to 1,500 new homes with up to 5.3 hectares of space for business uses, a local centre with shops and amenities, and a new primary school, together with green space.

We have been working with Earl Shilton Town Council and have agreed with them that their Town Council website will also host links to our forthcoming public consultation, so that we can engage with as many people as possible before submitting our final plans to the Council for consideration.

Please do look out for this consultation website either thorough the Town Council website or direct when it goes live www.earlshiltonsue.co.uk

Appendix I

Consultation Responses – Q2

2. Do you feel that there are other important issues to consider?

Ensure school places are adequate to cope with new residents as currently not enough places in all local schools - children have to go outside of the village. (F1)

Need a community facility (F1)
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How to attract 2,000 people to shop in Earl Shilton and how to create roads to get people into town instead of directing them to Leicester or Hinckley. A Supermarket is vital to the complete success of the project.

Why do we have to have it at all? Anything in Hinckley and Bosworth that nobody wants they dump in Early Shilton & Barwell. STOP IT. The environment and green spaces we have plenty at the moment, they are called fields. Leave them alone. All the habitats for the flora and fauna and animals will go, there is not enough in the country at the moment why lose anymore. Nobody on the existing new estates use the centre - why should anyone else.
(F4)

Volume of traffic utilizing Masefield Drive and also at the opposite end of development. Access onto A47 is too limited and at least one additional alternative access should be permitted. (F6)

Additional medical facilities should be provided on southern side of Earl Shilton. Proposed cosmetic improvements to Heath Lane Surgery will not meet future medical requirements of Earl Shilton Residents (F6)

More access onto A47 needed. Masefield Drive cannot cope with buses and more vehicles wanting to join A47. Current medical facilities struggle to handle the new patients from Fox Meadow and Montgomery Gardens. Pharmacies do not offer enough cover. Earl Shilton needs more financial help to support new shops to attract new residents to use the town.
(F7)

The road structure will not cope. To put a roundabout on Astley Rd, Alexander Ave will then send the traffic down Astley Rd. The roundabout junction on Alexander and the main road will not cope with all the extra traffic and I can foresee plenty of accidents as people get impatient trying to get out. (F8)

The Regeneration of the town centre is important and as such should be given prime consideration. As the current proposals show there is ample access to the bypass but not into the town centre, thus encouraging the residents of Weavers Meadows to go directly away from the town centre i.e. to Hinckley, Fosse Park, Leicester. Earl Shilton will become a

dormitory town to be used for the benefit of other places, NOT EARL SHILTON. (F9)

Safety to users of existing facilities i.e. schools. Ensure realistic assumptions for traffic, pedestrians etc. are used. (F11)

It is essential that the development does not turn into a new village which is regarded as a separate entity. (F12)

I am concerned that the existing hedge between Breach Lane and the proposed development is retained. It is a very old and well used lane for walking and cycling and important that its character is retained. (F13)

The need for so many houses. Regeneration doesn't come by increasing number of residents. Improve facilities FIRST then consider building more homes. (F14)

The defence of the natural assets we already have. (F17)

Senior Citizens Bungalows. (F18)

Medical Facilities, expansion to existing surgery; shared use of green spaces including Town Council; expansion to Cemetery. (F21)

Already residents that live backed up to the fields, loosing their open views!! (F22)

Ensuring Earl Shilton town centre will make some benefit from this. (F26)

After the new estates, Montgomery, Hedge rows Lantons built by David Wilson homes, the Health Centre in Heath Lane was swamped. This continued for 2-3 years. Now they have taken on more part-time doctors. The car park there is too small as well as the building. Appointments re hard to obtain when wanted. Consideration must be given to this. Just extending it cannot be enough! The disruption would be detrimental. Disastrous! (F27).

Excessive noise and traffic no facilities for teenagers!! Leading to crime loss of green belt and flooding issues increased council tax to provide for this "masterplan" (F28)

Ensure that the bypass could be used for further access if needed. (F30)

More police for more people more doctors. (F31)

Access to the Village Centre needs looking at, roads are narrow and can't cope with extra traffic. Funding in the village centre because there's nothing there, no shops and now supermarket and petrol station is needed. I personally feel attaching houses onto old villages where facilities are not there isn't the answer. (F32)

Transportation along Weavers and surrounding areas with the increase in traffic flow near the schools. (F34)

Access into - Alexander Avenue. Very dangerous to drive at all times now to turn into to drive to Mill Lane. There is no access to the way being proposed to the industrial site other than 1 road in and in the long term this would not be adequate. Noise from industrial units. (F35)

I would like to see as many trees preserved as possible not just the hedges. (F36)

Yes
seems as though the main concern here is putting housing figures in for Government. What about Earl Shilton Town Centre, it offers nothing for Residents nothing for kids to do. I've lived here 47 years and it's not more houses it's more community and shop regeneration we need. (F38)

That extra police are provided to make sure everyone feels safe. (F39)

Mill Lane is a small road and cannot sustain the level of traffic that this development will need. The existing doctors would not support the extra people in the development. Adequate parking - maybe limit no of cars per house? Facilities for young adults so they are not hanging round street corners. (F40)

Yes, we should consider people's well-being. Homes need a space next to them to play out (without constant supervision). A chance to have a space to be and not constantly stuck in a small box with endless hours on the TV and computer. Building another new town or suburb

on the edge of Leics will just send people back into town. (F42)

The current plan submitted by the builders shows homes backing onto the gardens of houses in Astley Road. The plan submitted by the council shows this as "green space". These are the only houses on the plan that back up to existing properties. We feel that there is room on the development to move these proposed properties elsewhere, leaving further green areas that are not just football pitches. Also by building these properties in close proximity to my house the value will depreciate. (F43)

You appear to have completely overlooked the impact of this development on health services. There is currently only one surgery (Heath Lane) which serves both ES and Barwell. If you have insisted it, you will see that it is hemmed in on all four sides, so expansion would not be possible. It really is vital that a new surgery is included in this development, for the sake not only of the new residents, but also existing residents of ES/Barwell and the staff at Heath Lane surgery. (F45)

A decent pub that people and families can go to and not have to worry about who's going to be there. (F46)

Adequate off street parking within the SUZ. Most modern developments totally fair in this respect. A high variation of property designs and imaginative use of different materials. (F48)

The route along Astley rd as the main thoroughfare into the town needs to be reconsidered. It would create considerable problems for the already congested road being alongside a primary school and create extremely hazardous conditions for children. A better route would be alongside the eastern boundary of Weavers Spring Park and connecting with Alexander Avenue (either via Avenue South or Ronald ? Rd). The road along the northern perimeter of the park despite the likely increase of use (pavilion etc) is of less importance than the safety of the school children. Similarly that road would present a hazard to children playing on the park. (F49).

Present Town Centre needs to be much improved if the new residents are to want to use it. High Streets all over the country are dying - making Earl Shilton a pleasant place to live is probably more achievable than creating a viable shopping centre. (F50)

Mill Lane - speeding concerns, especially if there is direct access to A47 or new estate. Consider making Mill Lane as a dead end or put speed bumps before a fatality. Schools - primary schools already full. Doctors - will not cope with extra population.

Yes - speed of traffic on Thurlaston Lane and Mill Lane (already an existing problem).
Doctors or Health Centre ?? - ours won't cope! Access from Thurlaston Lane to new
'Persimmon' development - No footpaths - No efficient traffic calming. (F53)

Access to town from Astley Road, bottleneck via Alexander Avenue/High Street.
Supermarket provision essential. Provide easier access into town and extra town parking.
Schools and Doctors will need expanding. We need leisure facilities/shops. (F54)

The opinions of the people developments are being built around. (F55)

Impact of additional vehicles that do not exit the SUE to the by-pass - that is beyond the
Astley road junction - at junction with Alexandra Ave/junction of Meadowcourt Road with
Equity Road East. These junctions are already a problem re visibility etc. Earl Shilton is
poorly provided for in terms of social facilities most are small/old and lacking quality
accommodation. (F56)

Flooding issues. Where the new residents will come from. How many will be from within a 5
mile radius and where the others will come from. Where will they work and how will they get
there. What the impact will be on schools and health care provision. (F58)

Improvements for a Doctors Surgery (F59)

The Infrastructure in Earl Shilton and Barwell is of great concern to me. There are many
areas that already have on street parking issues and these are some of the roads that have
been identified to bring the traffic to the town centre from the proposed new site. I have
attended many meetings regarding the SUE and have asked at all of them how will the
infrastructure be altered to accommodate for the large amount of many extra vehicles that
Earl Shilton will have to cope with and no one has given me an answer (F60)

Loss of open space and dog walking areas.

A few things came up at the "Community Consultation" that concerned me: We were told
that invitations had been sent to almost all the homes in Earl Shilton, We certainly didn't
have one, and a quick survey of both my immediate neighbours & friends from other parts
from the village only one person had had one. This, in my opinion, places some doubt on
the word of the group handling the consultation. A great deal of emphasis was placed on

the plans to encourage pedestrian & cycle transport. Having very carefully studied the map I see this means there will be insufficient space for both on and off road parking, and dangerously narrow roads, probably without proper curbstones raised pavements or road markings. 1300+ homes will bring a minimum of 1300 cars. There are no plans for a Doctors surgery or any health/medical centres. We were told this is because the council has requested a payment for improvement of existing services. I have serious doubts that no matter what, if any, changes the council could make will leave a very seriously overstretched health service for the Earl Shilton area.

Ensuring that the foul and surface water sewerage won't affect flooding and sewage treatment. Ensuring that all services are of sufficient capacity to not effect existing homes and businesses and even to improve them. If possible the development should include a new supermarket to serve Earl Shilton and Barwell and thus decrease car trips out of the villages to Leicester and Hinckley.

Where are the new shops to be located within the new development? Where is the new leisure centre to be located? remove the road connection to Astley Road from the new development. Weavers/Townsend schools are there and the existing roads have many tight bends. The new development needs to be self sufficient. Chaos will prevail if this development goes ahead as shown. It will create traffic chaos and pollution. developers are only in it for the profit. careful consideration is necessary otherwise no one will benefit only the builders! I could go on but will wait to see what comes up on the `real plans`. I like the look of the green corridors. I would suggest that as much of the existing hedgerows and old flower meadows are protected or retained. These are ancient remnants and full of wildlife.

Ensure that that the new transport links and facilities introduced by the SUE are also accessible to existing Earl Shilton residents, thus avoiding an old-town/new-town split being introduced, with the old town not benefiting from the new development.

Appendix J

Consultation Responses – Q3

Other focus areas for community benefits:

Another Supermarket is needed as current Co-Op is very limited and will not be able to handle increase in local population. This would also offer employment opportunities and encourage new residents to use Earl Shilton instead of Hinckley or Leicester. (F7)

Will there be another Doctors Surgery or are all these homes reliant on Heath Lane. (F8)

Provision of extra medical facilities. (F13)

Network of Cycle Paths. (F16)

We require the retention of our existing open spaces so none of the above apply.

So, a new Health Centre should be seriously considered. Dividing the Health Centre responsibilities would be better. If Barwell develops and builds more then the existing Health Centre would be a war zone! There are already 100+ homes are planned for the other side of Station Road. (F27)

With the increase in population more medical facilities are required and the local council should be negotiating with the police authorities with regard to more security against crime and vandalism. (F30)

Desperate need for more independent shops (F31)

Access routes - Mill lane, Astley Road. Funding - Town Centre. New Doctors surgery, school. Playschool - the current one's won't cope with all the extra people. Extra parks and green space, for children to play and walk. By the sounds we aren't going to have the funding for all this. So we're going to get a load more houses which will put strain on everyone currently living in Shilton as well as new residents. (F32)

Environmental - leisure facilities combined i.e. Natural habitats retained and improved. (F34)

The need for a service station for petrol and possible new supermarket off Clickes Way and not town Centre. (F35).

Earl Shilton has pubs and takeaways that's it really, what else have we got now. (F38)

That a new doctors surgery be provided and not the expanding of present facilities which have no room to expand. (F39)

Consultation with all of the residents about what facilities they would like in the centre of Earl Shilton to bring the life back into the town. Reasonable priced food for nice family meal? (F40)

There should be less heavy traffic on the small roads. (F42)

The most important aspect of this redevelopment is to regenerate Earl Shilton town centre. The main exits from the development are onto the A47 bypass, benefitting Hinckley, Leics and Fosse Park. People will not go into the town as the roads will take people away from Earl Shilton not into the town centre. Three primary schools in close proximity to each other, will only add to the twice daily congestion that already exists. (F43).

A decent pub where normal people can go. (F47)

Some local retain within the SUE area (F48)

Improvements to the public realm/shops and appearance. Implementation of the original capital ? Proposals to revamp the parade area, having a market square and connection to Wead St park. (F49)

Pleasant environment that is attractive for people to spend time in. (F50)

Further improvement of Earl Shilton as an attractive urban place to be - information sites in SUE (F56)

In Earl Shilton we have a number of parks with very good play equipment for young children but no good facilities for teenagers. I have listened to these young people who are desperate for things as a Skate Park and BMX track. (F60)

There is a shortage of sports facilities for young people, particularly teenagers. These should be well lit all weather facilities such as skate board park, mountain bike course, shelter areas with seats, basketball and football courts.

We already have the perfect environment. Open space is priceless. Houses bring cars = pollution.

It has no realistic benefits for existing residents.

Maintain the level of green space per resident. i.e. the town is growing, therefore the amount of green space available for recreation should increase accordingly. A larger town will demand more recreational facilities, therefore provision should be made for these. e.g. consider including tennis courts.

More Open spaces (Green) partly for wildlife and for children, walking in fresh air has to be more healthy and get children to appreciate the open areas and wildlife

Appendix K

Consultation Responses – Q4

4. Further comments or suggestions as to how the masterplan for Weavers Meadow might be improved.

Need to ensure there is improvement in the town centre to draw people from the new housing into the village (F1)

Traffic calming measure should be utilised. Another Supermarket is needed at least in size comparable to current Co-Op outlet. A Community Centre should also be considered. (F6)

Community Centre would be a useful addition offering a modern friendly place for locals of all ages to meet. (F7)

Keep the houses 2 storey. Screen the estates from the existing houses. Don't build so many houses. Why such a big area, why not spread it around the village. (F8)

To be able to regenerate the town centre, which is integral to any development in Earl Shilton, people must be attracted into the town centre, the town centre needs to attract better shops etc. therefore the development must have better access to the town centre. By building a school, shops etc. within the development Weavers Meadows will become an island within a town, not benefit to the existing population and business whatsoever. (F9)

My only concern is that Church Street which is already hopelessly busy and single carriageway for most of it, due to parked cars, does not get any busier. (F10)

Move the connecting/access roads away from the existing Weaver springs School i.e. Do NOT use Astley Road.

The present plan indicates only football for leisure facilities. The population of the development will be of young families who need a variety of leisure outlets, such as Tennis Courts, Golf Driving Range, BMX track, Skateboard Park, Netball Court etc. and possible collaboration with the Primary School on use of what facilities are available in that building. (F12)

Over 1300 homes in a confined space is too many. People need space. Such a large estate almost creates its own community so integrating it into the rest of Earl Shilton will not be easy. In fact, a "them and us" situation may be created. Facilities that are being

"contributed" to are not enough. Where are the extra capacity at GP surgery and schools (Secondary) going to be put? Houses do not sell very easily in Earl Shilton so why build at least 1,300 more? Sustainable - how is this sustainable? As this is the SUE of the district council one assumes that permission will not be refused regardless of the residents feelings!!! (F14)

I like it as it is if it really happens in this way. The facilities look good and all areas seem to be covered. I like the idea of improving the open spaces. I would not like to see masses of speed bumps all over the village as a result of increased traffic. Hopefully it won't be necessary. (F16)

Re-location to Hinckley. (F17)

Traffic is already an issue through Hinckley which is steadily getting worse with additional housing. No doubt the proposed Earl Shilton and Barwell SUE's will increase this further. As a lot of this traffic heads towards Coventry (via M69 J1) - including traffic from Stoney Stanton, Sapcote and Burbage - consideration should be given to creating a slip road onto the M69 southbound from J2. Likewise an exit from the M69 northbound to J2. (F19)

Our main concern is that we are going to lose our open views to a school field. If its an academy will there be flood lights at night? Will this cause young "hoodies" to hang around the field at night i.e. vandalism, anti social behaviour. Were all for development as Earl Shilton does need it, but if it causes us to feel unsafe and overlooked our house will soon be on the market for sale, as with most of Astley Road I should imagine. (F22)

Overall, all the plans look good, impressive, I presume, being logical that it will go ahead. No one should stop progress. But, please this time follow through with the improved infrastructure plans. We have lived in many Towns and when the builders have built the schools, health, social infrastructure is dropped!! Be Fair, be honest and everyone will benefit. We all know none of the developers live here. (F27)

As per letter submitted environmental and ecology concerns. (F34)

Doctors surgery would be beneficial for new people as the surgeries are over subscribed already. (F35)

The Junction with Astley road and Alexander Avenue needs a possible mini roundabout or making wider as it is a very nasty spot to turn out off not only regarding school children but

parking from the Terraced Houses make it a bottle neck. Also a blind corner from the right (traffic coming along Alex. Ave). (F36)

As of now Breach Lane is for access only it would upset dog walkers, horse riders etc who have used it for years, Earl Shilton folk don't welcome change so whatever you promise make sure you deliver. (F39)

Roads are not maintained in Earl Shilton and are horrendous in the winter - some funds should be made available for improvements. Providing facilities for young adults. A leisure centre with a swimming pool and sport facilities would be excellent. Have green areas that are accessible for young children to play with each other close enough to houses that are not surrounded by roads so that younger children can play safely close to home - parents will be able to watch their children play with other residents children in a safe environment at home. (F40)

Main concern requires traffic restrictions from Mill Lane. Road narrow not suitable for housing and industrial access. All ready at its capacity for existing use. Cemetery water works, school traffic, church traffic. I feel that the residents in the lower part of Mill Lane should be allowed a discount on domestic rates due to industrial planning next door on top of the Cemetery and water treatment plant. Compensation should be paid for house value loss due to industrial estate on doorstep. (F44)

See section 2 - my concerns about health services. You have got to consider more access from the development to Clickes Way. I appreciate that this might encourage new residents to travel to Hinckley or Leicester to shop but without you will simple create a giant rat run as people head to the high street area through already congested and narrow side roads. On a personal note I object strongly to this development on the single ground that I have to cease my enjoyment of the existing open space for dog walking (along with many other dog walkers and the occasional horse rider) to make way for 1300 houses. Where will existing and new dog walker go when the development is complete? (F45)

Feel strongly that closed off portion of Mill Lane remains closed to through traffic which I understand is part of the plan anyway. (F47)

Acknowledgement that the area marked as "commercial centre" is inaccurately sited on the display board. 90% shops and business along the high street are situated to the West of the area shown. There is very little commercial property east of Alexander Avenue. This gives the wrong impression as to how close the development is to the town centre shops. If residents of the new development are to be encouraged into the town centre then money needs to be made available to improve all site areas particularly the public realm. This scheme whilst acknowledging the need for more housing has been designed to meet the needs of the Borough Council above those of Earl Shilton residents. the very structure of the road layout is such that the main shopping benefits will be to Hinckley by way of the

better access routes onto the bypass than those into Shilton town centre. (F49)

I hope that lessons have been learnt from the recent Fox Meadows & Montgomery Garden developments. Both these have narrow roads, narrow pavements and most properties have no front gardens. There are parking problems, traffic congestion and a lack of privacy. Another eyesore is wheelie bins. I hope this development will provide purpose built storage space for these. Residents in these developments have no roads that encourage them into the Town Centre and thus no regeneration has taken place. Unless the plans shown (mainly the road layout) are changed considerably, all the new residents of Weavers Meadows will also travel to Hinckley or Leicester for shopping and leisure purposes. I believe that any new housing development should not include flats as there are many of these empty in the town but that some small bungalows should be included. This would mean that some current residents may downsize from large properties meeting their needs and providing a mixed age range in the new development. (F50)

No access to Mill Lane or this will increase cars down Mill Lane. It is already a drag strip so would be concerned for the safety of residents. Fear there will be a fatality in near future. (F51)

Minimising car use is only useful for those who live and walk in Earl Shilton. Those who do not work outside of, have to travel and the infrastructure already can't cope. Add the Barwell development and there may be major problems. (52)

We need to improve town centre - provide clothes shops/restaurants etc. Not just a local village with a "Butchers"! A retail park and Supermarket provision should be part of schemes ideas. (F54)

Regarding the conversation we had at the public exhibition we have noticed that as the plans are now our house 89 Astley Road will be looking out onto the side of a house. We have lived here for 17 years and one of the main reasons we chose our property was our fondness of the views from it, which we will not loose. We would like to suggest that if plans must go ahead we have at least a garden space to look out on rather than a brick wall. We feel that such a view could also impact the value of our property. Thank you for bearing our concerns. (55)

The improved changing facilities are essential - the sports area. How will SUE impact helpfully on an area of Earl Shilton identified as a multi deprivational priority neighbourhood? (F56)

Make sure there is adequate infrastructure for cycling and bus services. This should include enhanced facilities on local roads, including links to and from the site. It should also state of

the art real time information, costs for all bus services in the area, developed in conjunction with the County council and local bus operators Aviva and Stagecoach suitable bus priority measures (bus gates at relevant points as required), suitable high quality bus stops with shelters and RTI equipment throughout the site and up to date, comprehensive bus service and cycling information distributed to every building on the site. (F58)

No need to build a road through Park (safer for children). Avoids the two sharp corners with limited visibility. (F59)

I am not against developments but the size of this proposed site for an old town is too large in my view, to be accommodated in the area as you have also got to take into account the 2,500 houses that are to go to Barwell. The infrastructure will struggle to cope as already Hinckley is in trouble with too many vehicles and there are still many developments still to be built. (F60)

Provision of a designated dog park with natural areas for dogs to play in and investigate. More than 1 entrance from the residential area from Clickers Way. Provision of a high school as the traffic going to existing high schools will have to cross the whole of Earl Shilton. More open spaces as the current ones are being destroyed.

This is probably one of the most carefully biased feedback survey forms I've seen recently. Geared and worded in such a way that only the opinion required to get the go ahead for this scheme is available. For what it's worth I would like to see the consultation period to be extended, another, properly publicised, exhibition with proper plans and models of exactly what is going to be built and the roadways etc.

Apart from access points onto the A47 there is only one internal road access into Astley Road. This directs traffic past Weavers School and onto a difficult junction with Alexander Avenue. In order to reduce this traffic to acceptable levels, not more than 10%, traffic calming should be introduced on new estate roads leading to Astley Road to slow traffic down and discourage usage of this route. As much traffic as possible needs to use the A47 to access Earl Shilton town centre.

See box 2. We have a superb natural landscape which cannot be replaced. Housing will not benefit Earl Shilton. The whole town is a tangle of roads. Redevelop the shopping areas if possible. Bumping up the population will bring more cars. Destroying the natural environment is a backward step. Keep the good stuff. Improve the existing shopping areas.

The "master plan" could be improved by: A) Cancelling it B) Moving it somewhere else C) Using a brown field site (one of the many local disused former industrial sites).

It is important to prevent Earl Shilton from being split into two conjoined towns - the new part and the old part. Much effort has been put in joining the SUE to the "Clickers Way" by-pass, rather than providing good links into the town centre itself. This will encourage residents of the SUE to drive out of Earl Shilton for facilities, rather than use Earl Shilton's existing Town Centre, exacerbating the likeliness of splitting the town. It has been stated that the new school in the SUE would cater for all new SUE residents. However, the existing Earl Shilton schools are over sub-scribed, so the new school should be capable of relieving the existing over-subscription as well. Also, if the new school is intended only for residents of the SUE, this will increase the likeliness of splitting the town as described above. It should also be noted that the land owned by Persimmon Homes, between Mill Lane and Thurlaston Lane, will almost certainly be developed into residential housing. The new school should have capacity to meet this need as well. Provision must be made outside of the new school for adequate road space for parents to park and drop-off/pick-up their children. The existing schools on Astley Road are on a narrow residential street, which at these times becomes near impassable by car and dangerous for pedestrians. By installing a wider road at the new school, with good pedestrian crossing points, the road will be safer and more usable. Provision must be made outside the new small shopping area for on-street parking of cars where people "pop in" on the way to/from work etc. Although the shops will only be a short walking distance from the new residential properties, it is extremely likely that people will visit them by car, if only for a few minutes at a time. Regeneration of Earl Shilton town centre is vital, in combination with the development of the SUE, to raise the living experience of the town as a whole. Earl Shilton already has an abundance of worthwhile shops, including: a Post Office, mini-supermarket, butchers, building society, launderette, take-aways, DIY store, etc. I would like to see the town centre thrive with the additional custom the SUE should bring with it. To encourage new residents to visit the town centre it needs to be made more inviting. Shop fronts should be developed, the road quietened, parking made more obvious and better maintained, and a central town square introduced to host local events and the farmer's market.

10 A minimum of local authority housing, 2) more open spaces 3) off road parking 4) better consultation with owners of property affected by the development i.e. Masefield Drive, Breach Lane, 5) Lack of information, one paper states blocking off Breach Lane, when I called the 2 information line 2 I pointed out that there are two houses on Breach Lane that would be completely cut off as they front onto Breach Lane, that call was made 7 days ago (today's date 7/9) and I am still awaiting a reply. 6) Asked about if buses would run up Masefield Drive reply "maybe at a later date" again nothing definite. 7) As my house is saturated at the junction of Masefield Drive/Breach Lane, I would hope and still do that we do get more information/ consultation. 8) Minor noise and dust from new development to new home in fox meadows.

Representation- Firstly and foremost I am not against the proposed development surrounding Weaver Springs Park in the town, but I would like to make the following points, as to date I have not seen any environmental studies concerning the effect of the wildlife in the proposed area. I have noted during my frequent visits to this area many species of birdlife which include: Buzzard, Pheasant, Yellow Hammer, Coal Tit, Blue Tit, Great Tit, Long tailed Tit, Fieldfare, Mistle Thrush, Song Thrush, Kestrel, Bullfinch, Jay, Owls and last but

not least Sparrows, whose population has declined by 90% since 1980 and is now an endangered species. The large trees also house many birds including Owls and Woodpeckers. I wish to propose a very large green corridor so these bird species can thrive and that generations of people can view and enjoy these species in years to come. My next point is the butterfly population in this country is on the decrease. The fields next to dew pond on Weavers Springs contain many thousands of different species of butterflies. The pond itself is a safe haven for many frogs and toads and possibly newts. I propose that another green corridor is left unkempt and natural so that we don't lose this magnificent sight in Spring and Summer when these butterflies emerge, which in turn feeds the numerous bird species and other wildlife. I also propose a full and in depth study of the aquatic life in the de pond and propose a similar facility be available for the aquatic life in the future. I have also noted grasshoppers in abundance on Weavers Springs which again provide food for the many bird species. I have also noted there is a large rabbit, mole vole and mouse population on Weavers Spring. Whilst I am not an expert on the environment, these are my observations from visiting these fields nearly every day for seven years. The environment is a serious concern to me and the population of the Ward I represent. In conclusions I accept the SUE will now go ahead but these serious environmental concerns must be taken into consideration.

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