

BARTON FARM FORUM

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BARTON FARM DEVELOPMENT – UPDATE REPORT

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR

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RECENT REFERENCES:

BFF3 - Barton Farm Update Report - 27 March 2013

BFF4 – Barton Farm Update Report – 29 May 2013

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The report updates members of the Forum on the timetable for bringing forward the Barton Farm development proposals and issues arising from work in progress.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the contents of the Report be noted.

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DETAIL:

1 Introduction and Timetable

- 1.1 Since the previous meeting of the forum, work has continued in a very constructive and collaborative manner with Cala Homes, their urban design advisors and other consultants to develop the proposals for Barton Farm in more detail, particularly in relation to community facilities, transport and the layout of the development. This ongoing work involves City Council and County Council officers, elected Members, statutory consultees, key stakeholders and a multi-skilled team of Cala Homes staff and appointed consultants.
- 1.2 Two further workshops and a public exhibition have taken place since the previous forum and feedback on these will be provided at the meeting. The decisions over timing of development lie with Cala, but this is being managed through a project management team set up by the City Council to help ensure that the decision making process managed to time and that there is sufficient opportunity to shape the development before detailed planning decisions are required.
- 1.2 The programme of workshops initiated in April has been continued with two themed workshops on the Design Code and Transport being held in May. These workshops enabled elected Members, key community representatives, local architects and other stakeholders to participate in discussions on specific issues before they become part of a formal 'reserved matters' planning application. The work undertaken and the input received continue to inform the more detailed master-planning and the ongoing development of the Design Code which is to be presented at this meeting.
- 1.3 In addition a public exhibition was held on 12 June 2013 at Winchester Guildhall. A preview for elected Members was held on that day and around 300 people visited the exhibition and had the opportunity to speak directly to Cala Homes and their consultants on all aspects of the development and design work.
- 1.4 Further discussions are ongoing in relation to community facilities and meetings have been held or are planned with Henry Beaufort School, Peter Symonds College and Hampshire County Council officers regarding education provision. A meeting has been held with representatives of local primary care

facilities and the NHS to evaluate primary care requirements and the delivery and design of the necessary community facilities. A more detailed update on this work will be presented in the update on community facilities.

- 1.5 Feasibility work is ongoing in relation to the off-site and on-site transport provision. The Workshop held on this was particularly useful in terms of informing the brief and priorities for this work. A specific report on the workshop is being prepared and will be added to the web site shortly.
- 1.6 On current estimates of the pre-application work required Cala still hope to make the first formal planning applications in September or October 2013.

2 OTHER MATTERS

- 2.1 Background documents relating to the application are now being added to the Council's website to improve the accessibility of information to anyone interested in the development process. Of particular note is a summary of the conditions imposed on the planning consent by the Secretary of State and the key requirements of the two section 106 agreements between the City Council, County Council and Cala Homes. The presentation to the March Forum from Hampshire County Council on transport, the CABI design code training presentation and JTP masterplanning presentation on Andover Road have recently been added. The display boards from the Public Exhibition held in June have now also been added.
- 2.2 Progress towards the submission of the reserved matters applications and on the underlying principles which will produce a high quality development at Barton Farm is being made in a constructive manner.

2.3 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

3 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND CHANGE PLANS (RELEVANCE TO):

- 3.1 The delivery of a successful and well integrated development at Barton Farm is a key objective for the Council in accordance with the Community Strategy.

4 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

- 4.1 There are no direct resource implications arising from the report.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 5.1 None

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None

APPENDICES: None