



Press Statement

Date: 07 March 2010

To: Petersfield Post, Petersfield Herald, EHDC, Petersfield Town Council

Subject: Causeway Farm Petersfield

Purpose: To inform local people that a planning application is in preparation for the above site and to provide information to local people in regard to a Consultation Event to be run on the 12th and 13th March in the Council Chamber at the Festival Hall, Petersfield.

Proposal: An outline planning application is in preparation on the Causeway Farm site. The application will be supported by an illustrative plan which will show a development of about 225 dwellings plus a 30 bedroom sheltered/care scheme. Of these nearly 50% will be affordable housing for people in identified local housing need. The housing mix has been developed in partnership with local Housing Associations and the EHDC Housing Department.

In addition, vehicular access will be shown from The Causeway with pedestrian and emergency access on to Sussex Road.

Community Benefit: There will be enhanced public access to the countryside through a new community park, picnic area and riverside walk - this footpath improving the link between Petersfield town and the National Park to the east and south of the site. All important trees will be retained in an appropriate setting and new planting will enhance tree cover in accordance with the Development Brief for the site adopted by EHDC. A community orchard is proposed along with informal open space and ecological protection areas.

A school site for a new primary school will be provided which we hope will be able to link with other nearby schools. Provision is made for a new community building near to the school - this need was identified by Petersfield Town Council as is a great local need for allotments. Two sites are proposed providing allotments for local people.

A draft layout plan is attached to this statement.

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA): In accordance with the EIA regulations EHDC have been asked to confirm if an EIA is required for a development as described above - they have confirmed that one will be needed and that ecological and impact issues are the critical areas to be covered. The developer has confirmed that he accepts this decision.

Community Engagement: There will be a consultation event for local people to view the emerging draft layout for the site - this will take place as a drop-in session between 2.00pm and 7.00pm on Friday 12th March 2010 and 10.00am and 2.00pm on Saturday 13th March 2010. The venue is the Council Chamber in the Festival Hall in Petersfield. Representatives of the Developer and local Housing Associations will be available to explain the plans and try to answer questions asked.

Consultation: So far the following organisations have been consulted to assist in the development of the layout the subject of the above Community Engagement:

- East Hants District Council-Planning and Housing Officers
- HCC Highways
- HCC Archaeologist
- HCC Education Department
- The Environment Agency
- Local Housing Associations
- The Shadow National Park Authority officers
- The South Downs Joint Committee planning officer
- Petersfield Town Council
- Homes and Communities Agency

Questions: Any questions on the above to:

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