

APPENDIX 2

Bentley Development Framework and Masterplan

Statement of Consultation

January - February 2016

1 Introduction

- 1.1 This Statement of Consultation sets out the details of publicity and consultation undertaken to prepare the Bentley Development Framework and Masterplan to date, and outlines the further consultation proposed prior to finalisation and approval of that document.
- 1.2 Whilst the Bentley Masterplan is not intended to have the full status of a Supplementary Planning Document it is still intended that consultation and publicity be undertaken to inform the Masterplan, so that it can form a material consideration when determining future planning applications relating to the site. The Masterplan will also feed into the production of the Council's Site Allocations and Development Policies Document.
- 1.3 Regulations 12 and 13 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 set out the public participation requirements for producing formal Supplementary Planning Documents. These require that a 'Statement of Consultation' is made available alongside the Supplementary Planning Document for consideration. Whilst the Bentley Masterplan will not be adopted as a formal Supplementary Planning Document, this Statement of Consultation has been prepared to outline the relevant consultation which has been and which will be carried out.
- 1.4 The Cheshire East Local Development Framework Statement of Community Involvement (adopted 14th October 2010) sets out how Cheshire East Council intends to involve all sectors of the community in the planning process. This includes stated intentions regarding consultation and opportunities for public participation in the production of formal Supplementary Planning Documents.

Relevant Consultation Undertaken to Date

- 2.1 The Council's Statement of Community Involvement states that 'focused consultation with appropriate stakeholders may be undertaken' during the pre-production evidence gathering stage. In the case of the Bentley Masterplan, the following consultation has been carried out to date:

- Highways

- Strategic planning
- Development management

Proposed Consultation on the Draft Document

- 3.1 The Council's Statement of Community Involvement sets out that for formal Supplementary Planning Documents the following will be undertaken prior to adoption:
- Hard copies of the draft document and associated documentation will be made available for inspection at Council offices at Westfields in Sandbach, Macclesfield Town Hall, Delamere House in Crewe, as well as at Cheshire East libraries.
 - The draft document and associated documents will be published on the Council's website and consultation portal
 - Public notices will be placed in newspapers and on the Council's website
 - A press release will be issued
 - Letters or emails will be sent to those on the Local Development Framework database
 - Briefing sessions to be held with key stakeholders (see Appendix 1)
 - A drop-in exhibition will be held at Bentley
- 3.2 In addition, the Statement of Community Involvement suggests that further consultation activities may be carried out in the form of exhibitions, presentations, questionnaires/ surveys, focus groups, or workshops.
- 3.3 Whilst the Bentley Masterplan is not to be adopted as a formal Supplementary Planning Document, it is intended that public consultation be carried out to a similar level as follows, subject to approval by Cheshire East Council Cabinet to subject the Bentley Development Framework and Masterplan to a period of public consultation.
- Hard copies of the draft document and associated documentation will be made available for inspection at Council offices at Westfields in Sandbach, Macclesfield Town Hall, and Delamere House in Crewe, as well as at Crewe Library
 - Hard copies will be sent to Crewe Town Council, Wistaston Parish Council, Minshull Vernon and District (includes Leighton and Woolstanwood Parish)
 - The draft document and associated documentation will be published on the Council's website and consultation portal
 - Emails will be sent to those on the LDF database with an email address
 - Letters will be sent to any key organisations on the LDF database without registered email addresses

- Notices will be placed in the Crewe Chronicle, Crewe Guardian and on the Council's website
- A press release will be issued to the Crewe Chronicle and Crewe Guardian

3.4 Anyone wishing to make a representation will be encouraged to do so electronically via the Council's consultation portal. Representations submitted in writing by letter will also be submitted.

4 Impact of the Consultation

4.1 All representations submitted in relation to this consultation within the specified 6 week period will be carefully considered by officers. The consultation draft version of the Masterplan will then be reconsidered in light of those representations with revisions made as appropriate. Any revisions will be made with regard to public representations, planning policy and other material considerations.

4.2 Following the revision of the Masterplan, officers will seek approval from Cheshire East Council's Cabinet to adopt and endorse the final version. A summary of key issues raised as a result of the consultation will be reported alongside the final proposed version of the document for consideration by Cabinet.

4.3 Once approved by Cabinet in its final form, the document will be published and will be used as a material consideration when determining planning applications relating to the site.

PROPOSED KEY STAKEHOLDERS

- Crewe Town Council
- Wistaston Parish Council
- Minshull Vernon and District (includes Leighton and Woolstanwood Parish)
- Leighton Hospital
- Leighton Academy and Nursery
- The Oaks Academy
- Police, Fire and Ambulance
- Arriva and D&G Bus service
- Network Rail
- CHK Ltd Engineering
- Bloor Homes
- Engine of the North
- ANSA
- Cemetery
- Residents on Pyms Lane
- Guide Hut, Pyms Lane