

## PRESS RELEASE

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### Cirencester Strategic Site Outline Planning Application – Important Information

The Chesterton strategic development site outline planning application has now been submitted to Cotswold District Council for determination.

Cirencester Town Council is a statutory consultee and will be submitting a response to CDC on or around 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016 following detailed consideration of the outline planning application at a Special Meeting of the Town Council's Planning Committee on 25<sup>th</sup> February that is to be followed by a full meeting of the Council on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016. The Town Council has appointed independent planning consultants, Pegasus Group, to assist it in this process.

It is, however, important to note that the application, in seeking outline planning permission, relates solely to whether the principle of the development on the site is acceptable, with all other matters except site access reserved for subsequent consideration.

As part of this initial consideration three parameter plans form part of the outline application. These are:

- Land Use and Access
- Building Heights and
- Green Infrastructure.

The application is also accompanied by a wide range of supporting documents including an Environmental Statement, Design and Access Statement, and a Green Infrastructure Strategy.

It is important to note that the public should also comment via the planning portal at [www.cotswold.gov.uk](http://www.cotswold.gov.uk) if possible before CDC's statutory time period for the submission of comments on **Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. This deadline is not a final 'cut-off date' (hence CTC's own submission on 10<sup>th</sup> March) and CDC will accept comments up to the point of issuing the decision which is expected to be in nine months time.

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To summarise, respondents to this consultation are asked to consider whether the principle of development on the Chesterton strategic site is acceptable. All other matters comprising Layout, Scale, Appearance and Landscaping of the proposed development are to be brought forward later as reserved matters planning applications for subsequent consideration.

#### Dates for the diary:

#### Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016, Bingham House, 1 Dyer Street

9.30am Informal Viewing – an opportunity for the public to look through the planning application and independent planning reports commissioned by the Town Council through Pegasus as well as being able to chat informally with Members of the Town Council.

10.30am Special Meeting of the Town Council Planning Committee - Members of the Planning Committee will consider their response to the outline planning application assisted by Pegasus consultants (the usual public participation rules on speaking will apply).

#### Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016, Bingham House, 1 Dyer Street

6.00pm Informal Viewing – an opportunity for the public to look through the planning application and independent planning reports commissioned by the Town Council through Pegasus as well as being able to chat informally with Members of the Town Council.

7.00pm Formal Meeting of the Town Council – to include consideration of the recommendation of the Town Council's Planning Committee in responding to the Outline Planning Application.

If you would like to comment or have any questions please email [welcome@cirencester.gov.uk](mailto:welcome@cirencester.gov.uk)

16<sup>th</sup> February 2016

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