

# Darwin Green

## Update on outline planning application for Phases 2 & 3



Dear Resident,

Darwin Green is an exciting new community located under two miles North-West of Cambridge city centre. Phase 1 of the site is already being built out. Barratt Homes initially consulted on the plans for Phases 2 & 3 in 2019, but the submission of a planning application has been delayed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Our Consultation Event

We will soon be holding a consultation event for residents. This will be your opportunity to see the proposals in greater detail, as well as being able to ask questions to the project team.

**When:** 24th February 2022, 16:00-20:00

**Where:** Storey's Field Centre, Eddington Avenue, Cambridge, CB3 1AA

### Proposals



Our application will include:

- ▶ Approximately 1,000 new homes
- ▶ A new country park for all to enjoy
- ▶ 40% affordable housing
- ▶ A secondary school
- ▶ Land reserved for a primary school
- ▶ A community centre
- ▶ Sustainable drainage measures
- ▶ New footpaths and cycleways
- ▶ Extensive landscaping and planting with green corridors



Site location



## Country park and green open space



Country Park previously delivered at Brooklands, Milton Keynes

The central element of the development will be the country park to the north of the site which will be accessible to both new and existing residents. Green corridors will provide access from across the site to the park with cycle paths and footpaths running alongside. Existing hedgerows and trees will be retained wherever possible. There will be an enhancement to existing habitats which will help promote biodiversity across the site. The country park will also act as a sound buffer to reduce noise generated from the A14, which will be a benefit to both new and existing residents.

## New homes



Our plans will deliver approximately 1,000 new homes, of which 40% will be classified as affordable subject to planning consent. The proposals include a variety of house types, sizes and tenures in order to increase home ownership opportunities which will enable a sustainable, inclusive and mixed community.

House types will include 2, 2.5 and 3 storey buildings and in carefully selected locations apartment buildings will be 3 or 4 storeys in height.



Illustrative masterplan

## New secondary school

Our plans include a new secondary school for both new residents on Darwin Green and the wider community. The school will be built once the 450th home is occupied on Darwin Green Phase 1. A provider has been appointed to build and operate the school which will have state of



the art classrooms and extensive sports facilities. Sports pitches will also be available for public use.

Land has also been reserved for a new primary school should this be required.

## Traffic and access

The masterplan has been designed with pedestrian and cyclist safety and ease of movement as the highest priority, building on the cycling culture that already exists in Cambridge.

Extensive purpose-built cycle connections, including an orbital cycle route along the northern edge of the development area, will provide for journeys to all destinations and for cyclists of all abilities.

Vehicular access will be provided via a new priority junction on the Darwin Green 1 access road connecting with Histon Road. A dedicated bus service connecting Darwin Green with the City centre will also be provided. Discussions are underway with Stagecoach as how best to provide this service.





## Thank you

Our public consultation event in September 2019 was well attended and we are grateful to all residents who provided feedback on the proposals at that time.



## Next steps

We will shortly be holding a public exhibition to update residents on the progress of the proposals and provide the opportunity to give feedback and ask questions to the project team. We will then look to submit a planning application later in the year.

## Any questions?

You can get in touch by calling our dedicated Freephone number: **0800 148 8911**

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Artist's impression

