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STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

LAND SOUTH OF LEE LANE
ROYSTON
BARNSLEY

PART OF LOCAL PLAN ALLOCATION MU5

OUTLINE PLANNING APPLICATION FOR THE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF CIRCA 100 DWELLINGS, WITH THE MATTER OF ACCESS ONLY FOR CONSIDERATION AT THIS STAGE. ALL OTHER MATTERS RESERVED.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1.1 This Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) has been prepared by Johnson Mowat to detail the community consultation undertaken in relation to the proposed residential development of land off Lee Lane, Royston, Barnsley for circa 100 dwellings, with the matter of access only for consideration at this stage. The application site is part of allocation MU5 in the adopted Barnsley Local Plan (January 2019).

1.2 This SCI documents the consultation exercise undertaken prior to the submission of the planning application and the outcomes of that exercise.

1.3 This statement should be read in conjunction with the supporting application documents:-

- Indicative layout plan – STEN Architecture;
- Design and Access Statement – STEN Architecture;
- Planning Case Report – Johnson Mowat;
- Heritage Statement – MB Heritage;
- Ecology Report – Futures Ecology;
- Preliminary Environmental Risk Assessment – Groundtech Consulting;
- Flood Risk and Drainage Assessment – Walker Ingram Associates; and
- Transport Assessment – Optima Highways.

2.0 POLICY CONTEXT

2.1 Planning shapes the places where people work and live, so it is right that people should take an active part in the planning process. Johnson Mowat recognise that national planning policy is evolving to make community involvement an essential component of planning. The approach taken towards consultation for these development proposals has been strongly influenced by the latest Government policy, the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004) and Barnsley Council's specific guidance on community consultation.

National Policy

National Planning Policy Framework (2012)

2.2 The National Planning Policy Framework was first published in March 2012 and since revised in July 2018 and subsequently updated in February 2019. With regards to pre-application consultation, the document states:

> *"39. Early engagement has significant potential to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the planning application system for all parties. Good quality pre-application discussion enables better coordination between public and private resources and improved outcomes for the community"*.
>
> *40. Local planning authorities have a key role to play in encouraging other parties to take maximum advantage of the pre-application stage. They cannot require that a developer engages with them before submitting a planning application, but they should encourage take-up of any pre-application services they do offer. They should also, where they think this would be beneficial, encourage any applicants who are not already required to do so by law to engage with the local community and, where relevant, with statutory and non-statutory consultees, before submitting their applications"*.
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> *41 The more issues that can be resolved at pre-application stage, including the need to deliver improvements in infrastructure and affordable housing, the greater the benefits. For their role in the planning system to be effective and positive, statutory planning consultees will need to take the same early, pro-active approach, and provide advice in a timely manner throughout the development process. This assists local planning authorities in issuing timely decisions, helping to ensure that applicants do not experience unnecessary delays and costs."*

Localism Act (2011)

2.3 The Localism Act received royal assent in November 2011. The Localism Act aims to reform the planning system to make it clearer, more democratic and more effective. In order to further strengthen the role of local communities in planning the Act introduced a new requirement for developers to consult local communities before submitting planning applications for very large developments. This gives local people a chance to comment when there is still a genuine scope to make changes to proposals.

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004)

2.4 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004) introduced significant changes to the planning system. One of the changes means that Councils must carry out effective and useful consultation so that decisions are made in consultation with the people affected by them.

Local Policy

Barnsley Council Statement of Community Involvement (September 2015)

2.5 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act requires each local planning authority to prepare a 'Statement of Community Involvement' (SCI), which formally sets out its commitment to involving the public in planning matters and the way it will ensure this happens.

2.6 Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council adopted its SCI in September 2015 and this document sets out what the Council expects from developers with regard to community involvement. Section 1.3 of the Barnsley SCI deals with community involvement in the planning application process and addresses those matters that will be expected by any applicant by way of community consultation regarding major developments.

2.7 Consequently the consultation programme for the planning application has been developed with regard to the Council's Statement of Community Involvement recommendations. The development team is committed to ensuring high standards of consultation are adhered to throughout the lifetime of the project.

2.8 This statement outlines the methods of consultation that have been undertaken with the local community and the local planning authority, the concerns raised and the results generated.

3.0 ENGAGEMENT WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Leaflet drop

3.1 Due to the existing publicity of the site undertaken via the Local Plan and the advanced stage of the neighbouring Bellway Homes Application (which is being considered at Appeal and has had limited comment from the general public), it was deemed the most appropriate method of engagement would be via an informative letter drop to local residents.

3.2 The key aims of the consultation were:-

- To inform local residents of the proposals; and
- To obtain feedback prior to submission of the application.

3.3 A letter drop was made to local residents to inform them of the intention to submit an outline planning application to the Local Authority in due course, provided details of the proposal and provided them with a copy of the illustrative Masterplan (alongside a link to view the Masterplan on our website).

3.4 A total of 17 addressees were notified, with letters sent out to properties within the immediate vicinity of the area on the 20th March 2020. A copy of this letter can be found in Appendix 1.

Dedicated website

3.5 Johnson Mowat have a dedicated website page for the proposed development. The website address is as follows:

http://www.johnsonmowat.co.uk/consultations/

3.6 The website went 'live' on the 20th March 2020 to coincide with the community consultation event.

APPENDIX 1 – PUBLIC CONSULTATION LEAFLET