

## Update on Buckover Garden Village – March 2019

The Buckover Garden Village Team wish to keep you updated as to our progress, and what is happening in respect of further community engagement, hence this email.

As you may know, the Examination in Public (EiP) of the Joint Spatial Plan (JSP) has been postponed a number of times and it is envisaged that this will now take place after the local council elections in May this year. The start of the EiP is a very important milestone as, like all those involved with proposals for developing any of the Strategic Development Locations (SDLs), we will need to demonstrate to the Examination Inspector that our proposals are both deliverable and achievable.

Therefore, at this time we are continuing our in-depth technical background work which is providing the robust and positive evidence needed to show deliverability, and which also meets the criteria laid out for the Buckover Garden Village as a SDL in the JSP. As we have stated many times we are “plan-led” and are not rushing to submit planning applications.

Alongside this our master planners continue to work on a concept design, which also considers the ideas and topics raised at our various workshops held last year, and other feedback we have received. Once that work is at a stage that will be more meaningful to the local community we will re-engage once again with stakeholders. We acknowledge the current EiP timetable, and the implications of the period before local council elections, and therefore it will be after May before more formal stakeholder engagement is resumed.

We are though continuing our meetings with local residents who live on, or adjacent to, the site on a one-to-one basis. If you, or anyone you know, would welcome such a meeting, please get in touch. It is also still our intention to establish a residents liaison group, and possibly a wider stakeholder group, when the time is appropriate. We remain committed to holding a full “open to all” public event before any planning application is submitted.

Finally, our Garden Village web page continues to be updated with important events and publications, and is a useful way of keeping aware of the project. The web page can be found here:

<http://www.tortworthestate.com/gardenvillage>

If this email raises any questions please feel free to come back to me,

Best wishes,

Rob.

*Note: You are receiving this email as you have previously provided your email address to us in order to invite you to events, or to be kept informed about the proposed Buckover Garden Village. If for any reason you no longer wish to be included please let us know and you will be removed from the list of addressees.)*