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## Cambridge City Council

### Planning - Pre-Application Developer Presentations

**Committee Members:** To all members of Planning Committee

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**Date:** Wednesday, 9 September 2015  
**Time:** 10.00 am  
**Venue:** Committee Room 1 & 2 - Guildhall  
**Contact:** Claire Tunnicliffe

#### AGENDA

##### **Councillor attendance**

Whilst any subsequent planning application relating to this site will be determined by the Planning Committee, all Councillors are invited to attend and take part in this pre-application developer presentation.

##### **Purpose of the meeting**

These meetings allow developers an early opportunity to present proposals for future planning applications to elected members of the Council.

The process allows Councillors to feed into the process at an early stage and raise any questions or concerns that can then be addressed by the developer prior to a formal planning application being submitted.

Whilst the meetings will be held in public, they do not form part of the formal decision making process. All planning applications will be determined in line with formal processes as adopted by Cambridge City Council.

##### **Format of the Meeting**

- Introduction by the Head of Planning Services or a Senior Planning Officer – up to 10 minutes
- Presentation by the developer of the proposal – up to 30 minutes
- Opportunity for Members to ask questions, raise issues, seek clarification, comment on the apparent positive and less positive aspects of the proposal – up to 40 minutes

During this part of the meeting it is important that Councillors who may ultimately make the decision on any subsequent planning application do not feel unduly constrained by what they can ask or raise. However they should avoid expressing views that might give any appearance that they are approaching the proposal with a closed mind. The discussion should not be used for negotiations with the developer. These should take place with officers separately from the meeting. Members of the public must refrain from entering into the discussion at the meeting.

- Summing up – up to 10 minutes

A Planning Department representative will take notes of the meeting, which will be a summary of the proceedings. Nothing said by Councillors at the meeting will in any way be binding on the Committee that subsequently determines the application. The notes will be uploaded to the City Council's website upon completion.

## **1 APOLOGIES**

## **2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

## **3 PRE-APPLICATION DEVELOPER BRIEFING - West Cambridge Site, south of Madingley Road**

The West Cambridge Site, south of Madingley Road, accommodates academic buildings and departments as well as some commercial research. The site has long term tenants such as the Vet School, British Antarctic Survey, Schlumberger Research Centre and the Cavendish Laboratory. Over the last 15 years the site has been developed in line with an existing outline planning permission. New buildings include Physics of Medicine, the Institute for Manufacturing and more recently Materials Science. The site also accommodates the West Cambridge Sports Centre and residential accommodation for University staff.

In line with the Draft Cambridge Local Plan 2014 the University wishes to increase density on the site to provide additional employment and academic floorspace, while at the same time address shortcomings of the existing masterplan. These include a public realm dominated by the car and a lack of amenities.

The University's vision is for a world-class, well connected, research and development environment which supports entrepreneurship and collaboration with industry.

The new masterplan is still the subject of pre-application discussion and an

Environmental Impact Assessment, and there will be a need to review the existing Section 106 commitments. This briefing is intending for officers and the University to update Members on progress to date and to discuss the key issues ahead of a target submission for a formal new outline application.

## Information for the Public

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