

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING FOR MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 22nd June 2021

Communication received on 28th May 2021 from Quatro who are working on behalf of Lower Earley Properties Ltd in relation to planning application 211686 – Land off Meldreth Way, Lower Earley.

Dear Ms Friend,

I hope my email finds you well. On behalf of Lower Earley Properties, I wanted to let you know that a planning application (REF: 211686) has been submitted to deliver a new Lidl store and 43 new homes at Land off Meldreth Way, Lower Earley.

This follows over six months of technical work to shape the final plans and a public consultation which took place earlier this year. The final plans include:

- A new, 1,913 sq m Lidl store to improve retail choice in the local area.
- Hundreds of new jobs, including retail, construction and apprenticeship roles.
- £1m in Business Rates receipts over the next decade.
- 43 new, beautifully designed homes, including a mix of 1 - 4 beds, which will be delivered by Sovereign Housing – a leading non-profit housing provider.
- 40% of the homes will be affordable housing, including 12 social rent homes and 5 shared ownership homes.
- 11 passive and active charging spaces for Electric Vehicles within the Lidl site, and each home to be provided with an outdoor plug to enable vehicle charging.
- New pedestrian and cycle links through the site, interconnecting with existing services and facilities in the local area.
- New landscaping throughout the site to ensure the foodstore is properly screened from neighbouring properties.

Online consultation

As you may recall, we undertook a digital consultation in January 2021 to ensure local residents could find out information about the proposals and provide feedback, whilst observing social distancing measures. An information leaflet was sent to local residents, including details of the proposals, a feedback form and details of how to register for an online consultation event on 28th January. Full details of the consultation programme and feedback received are contained within the SCI report submitted as part of the planning application.

Next steps

We will of course keep you updated as our application progresses through the planning process. If you have any questions, please do get in touch.

Kind regards

Tom Martin
Director