

Eco Bicester Strategic Delivery Board

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Report title: North West Bicester Draft Supplementary Planning Document	
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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To update the Board on the preparation of the Supplementary Planning Document for North West Bicester including the consultation currently taking place and the next steps towards adoption.

2. Background

- 2.1 The masterplanning of North West Bicester resulted in the Masterplan Vision Submission in March 2014. It was agreed that the Draft Masterplan would be used to prepare a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) setting out the vision, objectives, development principles, design and delivery requirements for the eco-development at North West Bicester.
- 2.2 A consultation on the issues and options using the North West Bicester Vision submission took place between 18th June and 24th July 2014.
- 2.3 The Draft SPD was approved for consultation by the Cherwell District Council (CDC) Executive on 3rd November 2014. A copy of the Executive Report can be viewed online at: <http://app-svc-modgov.services.local:9070/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=115&MId=2554> (please contact the Eco Bicester team for a hard copy).
- 2.4 The Draft SPD is currently out for a six week public consultation between 12th December 2014 and 23rd January 2015. A copy of the document is available to view at: <http://www.cherwell.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=9367> (hard copies are available from the Eco Bicester team and will be tabled at the meeting).
- 2.5 The consultation has been publicised in the local press and on the Council's website. Once the consultation has closed the representations received will be reviewed by officers before considering further changes to the document. It is anticipated that the Final Revision to the document will be reported to the CDC Executive on 2nd March 2015. Subject to the Executive's approval the document will be used as informal planning guidance in determining applications.
- 2.6 Several applications have been submitted on various parcels of land on the North West Bicester site and it is the Draft SPD will be a material consideration in determining these proposals. The first application is expected to be presented to the February Planning Committee. The SPD will also be adopted once the Cherwell Local Plan is adopted and form

an important part of the Local Plan Part 2 as subsequent more detailed planning proposals are submitted for the North West Bicester development.

3. Recommendations

3.1 The SPD will provide an important tool in guiding the development proposals for North West Bicester. It complements and expands on the masterplanning work that has been undertaken and will be used in determining the planning applications on the site. Once the Local Plan is adopted, the SPD will provide further detail on the Council's policy for North West Bicester.

3.2 On this basis, the recommendation is as follows:

To note the progress and endorse the Draft SPD.