

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
LOWLANDS AREA PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE

MONDAY 20 OCTOBER 2014

ERECTION OF 270 DWELLINGS INCLUDING ACCESS, OPEN SPACES AND ASSOCIATED WORKS.(OUTLINE)

BURFORD ROAD, WITNEY

APPLICATION NUMBER 14/1215/P/OP.

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF PLANNING AND STRATEGIC HOUSING

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(The decisions on this matter will be a resolution.)

1. PURPOSE

To consider whether it would be expedient to undertake a formal site visit prior to the likely consideration of this planning application on Monday 17 November 2014.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Sub-Committee decide that it would be expedient to visit the site.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1. This application is seeking outline planning permission for the erection of 270 dwellings on land to the north of the Burford Road in Witney. The only detailed matter for consideration at this stage is the vehicular and pedestrian access point on to the Burford Road. The D&A statement submitted with the application advises the following:

- A residential development comprised of 270 dwellings, with a broad range of house types found within the local townscape that will allow for modern living and for a wide demographic. The development will include the provision of affordable housing and the average density will be 31 dwellings per hectare. An integrated network of public open spaces and new play facilities are also proposed.

3.2. A large number of representations have already been received in respect of this application and due to the controversial nature of the application, Officers consider that a site visit to consider the proposed development would be of benefit to Members prior to the formal consideration and determination of the application.

3.3. It is anticipated that the application will be presented to the Lowlands Area Planning Sub-Committee on Monday 17 November 2014.

3.4. Members are advised that in order to fully appreciate the impact of the site on the flood plain/valley bottom it is likely that walking part of the local footpath network will be essential. As such the visit may take longer than normal and any member with access/mobility difficulties may wish to seek advice from officers as to where alternative car based views of the site can be secured.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

5. ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS

None.

6. REASONS

See section 3.

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Background Papers:
None