



**OFFICE OF THE POLICE & CRIME  
COMMISSIONER FOR THAMES VALLEY**

**Thames Valley Police and Crime Panel meeting, 27th March 2015**

**Title: Woodstock Police Station site – further information**

As recorded in the minutes of the last meeting of the Police and Crime Panel held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2015, under item 3 ("Public Question Time"), a Member of the Panel asked for further information on the development proposals concerning the redevelopment of the Woodstock Police Station site and consultation undertaken for this area.

It was agreed that the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) would submit a written response to this question to the Panel but would not be able to include any information on negotiations. Accordingly, the additional information available is as follows.

The detail of the Blenheim Estate [the developer] scheme for the police station site is not yet known publicly, other than it is expected to comprise a new GP surgery, new police facility (approximately 90 sq. metres) and a residential development of 26 flats necessary to make the scheme viable.

Whilst Thames Valley Police (TVP) has copies of the plans, they are not TVP property but will become public when a planning application is submitted by the developers to West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC). We understand that the developer will make available leaflets outlining the scheme at the GP surgery during the formal consultation period, which will be triggered once the planning application is submitted.

In relation to consultation on the development plans, the developer has had some dialogue with WODC planners, and it is WODC who will determine whether the scheme is acceptable in planning terms. TVP officers understand the developer's current proposed scheme reflects pre-application discussions with WODC, but we have not been party to those discussions.

As previously indicated, TVP was asked in 2013 to participate in a wider community stakeholder group, including Blenheim Estate, chaired by Councillor Ian Hudspeth, to discuss the future of the police station site. Press releases were issued during the intervening period by that group, indicating broadly what the site was then planned to be developed for, to include the police facility, large GP surgery and some residential flats.