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WOODSIDE FARM. THOMAS BATES & SONS LTD.

# Public Consultation

- An exhibition was held on Friday 23 November in Bishop's Tachbrook and Saturday 24 November in Whitnash, to inform the public of the emerging proposals, provide an opportunity for them to register their views and put questions to the consultant team
- Advertisements notifying the public of the exhibitions were placed in local newspapers, letters sent to 200 key statutory bodies and local groups and leaflets distributed by hand to 2,300 homes in the local area
- A report will be prepared for submission as part of the planning application package. This will record the process of consultation, the comments received and how these have been dealt with in the final scheme. Where it has not been possible to address issues raised then the reasons for this will be clearly set out

# Proposed Timetable for Submission of an Outline Planning Application

- Submission of a planning application has been deferred pending the preparation of the emerging Local Plan
- The timetable for the Local Plan has now slipped with a draft plan due to be published in May 2012
- The Council has acknowledged that it currently does not have a 5 year supply of housing land and given the delay to the local plan it can reasonably expect developers to put forward applications for housing, particularly in areas outside the green belt
- The Council has stated that such applications will need to be assessed against the National Planning Policy Framework and the need to achieve sustainable development
- As a preferred option in the emerging local plan, that is scheduled for the first phase of the plan period, the land adjacent to Woodside Farm fully accords with the national policy criteria
- Furthermore the size of development proposed is not likely to prejudice the emerging Local Plan. To the contrary it will start to address the problem of land shortage and put the Council in a better position to resist larger scale and more contentious schemes in sensitive areas of open space and the green belt
- Submission of an outline planning application package is therefore proposed early in 2013

# An Iterative Process

