

PRESS RELEASE

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Ensign submits revisions to Buckton Fields planning application

Ensign Group Ltd has formally submitted revisions to its outline planning application to create a mixed-use development at Buckton Fields, Boughton, Northampton. This includes a reduction in the total number of houses proposed for the scheme from 1,250 to 1,050.

Ensign's revisions to the original planning application for Buckton Fields come following on-going discussion with Daventry District Council, and other statutory consultees, after proposals were submitted to the council in October 2007.

Andrew Wilson, Director of the Ensign Group, comments: 'Consultation and community engagement have become increasingly important in the planning and development process. These latest revisions to the outline planning application for Buckton Fields evidence the huge amount of work Ensign has done to clearly identify and understand specific issues including housing density, traffic congestion and provision of community facilities.'

As well as reducing the density of houses on the site, further revisions to the original proposal also include:

- Relocation of the 500 space park and ride facility
- Contribution to highway improvements in Kingsthorpe to reduce traffic congestion
- Provision of two new bus services
- Introduction of an onsite pedestrian cycleway to reduce the need for car journeys
- Increase in the amount of land being set aside for both the primary school and public open spaces
- Inclusion of a residential care home accommodating up to 70 beds

Wilson continues: 'The reduction in the number of dwellings proposed on the site is central to the revised proposals, and reflects both the comments received from local people in earlier consultations as well as Ensign's intention to create a scheme predominantly centred on family houses - significantly reducing the number of apartments originally proposed. It also more closely reflects the density of surrounding housing, and will contribute to homes bordering the site being able to retain their privacy.'

In addition, relocation of the proposed park and ride to the north west corner of the site away from homes immediately bordering the southern edge will further contribute to the creation of

a green buffer zone between Kingsthorpe and the new development and afford existing residents a greater degree of privacy.’

Daventry District Council is now formally consulting on the amends to the existing outline planning application (DA/2007/1400), which is available to view at: <http://www.daventrydc.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/planning/planning-application-search/>.

Members of the public are invited to feed back their comments on the revised application to Daventry District Council directly so they can be taken into consideration by the Planning Committee when making its decision.

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Notes to Editors:

1. **Buckton Fields** is situated on the northern side of Northampton, within the District of Daventry, approximately 4.5km from the town centre. The indicative development proposals now comprise a mixed-use development of approximately 1,050 houses, approximately 1.6 hectares of employment use, a residential care home accommodating up to 70 beds, local facilities including a primary school, a park and ride facility of 500 spaces, public open space and associated community infrastructure.
2. **Ensign Group Ltd** is a subsidiary of Martin Grant Homes - a privately owned company, founded in 1978 with a reputation for constructing high quality homes and apartments throughout the Home Counties. The company has expanded its operations throughout the south of England, building a reputation as a major force in both strategic land acquisition and new home development.

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