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Our ref: PEC/SP/RJB

Sent via email to john_liane@btinternet.com

17 January 2012

Dear Dr Baldock,

Re: West Dartmouth Masterplan

Thank you for your letter dated 9th January addressed to Marion Playle. I have been passed your correspondence and asked to respond to you directly as the lead officer for Dartmouth.

I note the issues that you raise in your letter with regards to the masterplanning process and development exceeding the boundary of the allocated site. I am currently debating and giving careful consideration to these issues with members and other Council officers and am not yet in a position to be able to respond in detail.

The proposed development site that Millwood Homes have presented to date through their draft masterplan amounts to a considerable departure from the site boundary of the adopted Dartmouth Site Allocations DPDs and excludes the land at Milton Farm and the properties of Kozi Korner and Springfield based on the current unavailability of these sites.

At the moment, I do not feel that we are in a position to be able to offer any support to the masterplan without more substantive evidence and justification required to justify the departure from the allocated site boundary. Additional information is required before members and officers can come to a view on whether the masterplan should be recommended for approval.

The starting point for the masterplan remains the adopted Site Allocations DPD unless the Council are presented with sufficient evidence to suggest otherwise.

In response to your question, terms of reference regarding Millwood Homes' conduct of the consultation process have not been produced for the Steering Group for this site.



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However, the Council will want to see evidence that there has been opportunity for community engagement which has helped shape the masterplanning process.

Millwood Homes have shared the land they have under option with the Steering Group in a report titled "West Dartmouth Masterplan: Development Capacity Land Report" dated November 2011. This was circulated in an email to the steering group participants on the 21/11/2011. I have spoken with Millwood and they have confirmed that this information is in the public domain and can be viewed on their website using the following link <https://sites.google.com/site/westdartmouth/public-consultation-22nd-november-2011/newsletter>

At this stage, timescales for taking this forward remain uncertain. However, please do not hesitate to contact me in the meantime if you wish to discuss this further. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued and valuable input to the plan making process.

Yours sincerely,

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