

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

On Masterplan Document for Arlesey Cross

Central Bedfordshire Council is undertaking public consultation on a Draft Masterplan Document for the area north east and west of High Street, Arlesey. This site was allocated in the Council's Local Development Framework (LDF) Site Allocations Document through Policy MA8 in 2011. The principle of the development of this site is therefore already established in planning policy.

The policy allocation requires the provision of a minimum of 1000 new homes, new employment, a new school and other amenities as well as environmental improvements.

The consultation on the Draft Masterplan Document commences on 9 November and closes on 16 December at 5pm.

The purpose of the Masterplan Document is to set out the Council's vision for future growth. It will provide guidance on key aspects of development such as the location of major land uses, opportunities for open space and landscaping, the form of key road junctions, and the potential benefits that could be delivered as part of, or in conjunction with development.

The Masterplan, including the route of the relief road and suggested improvements to High Street, have been informed by initial traffic modelling, which has been outlined in an Interim Transport Assessment that will be published for consultation at the same time as the Masterplan document. A non-technical summary of this assessment will be appended to the Masterplan document.

Developers would be required to follow the Masterplan document in preparing detailed design codes and planning applications.

Initial consultation on the Masterplan was held in 2012. This consultation is being held to give residents a further opportunity to have a say on the vision for the scheme in order to help shape the growth of Arlesey. Once completed, the Masterplan will be adopted by Central Bedfordshire Council and will guide decisions on any future planning applications for the site. More details on the consultation, along with downloadable copies of the Masterplan, Interim Transport Assessment and accompanying questionnaire will be available during the consultation period at:

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/planning/strategic-planning/consultation-and-news.aspx>
and
www.arleseycross.com

Copies will also be made available to view throughout the consultation period at:
Arlesey Town Council's Offices, Arlesey Community Centre, High Street, Arlesey;
in the foyer outside of Arlesey Doctor's Surgery;
and at Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford.

PUBLIC EXHIBITION

As part of this consultation a public exhibition is to be held at Arlesey Village Hall to introduce the document. Officers from Central Bedfordshire Council and members of the Project Team who have put together the Draft Masterplan Document will be on hand to explain the proposals, listen to your views and, wherever possible, answer your questions.

The exhibition is to take place at the following dates and times:

Saturday 9 November from 11am to 4:30pm
Saturday 16 November from 11am to 4:30pm

Copies of the Masterplan Document will be available to view and the feedback questionnaire will be there to complete or take away and post to: Freepost RSJS GBB2 SRZT, Arlesey Master Plan Consultation, Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford SG17 5TQ