

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL

25 July 2023

Dear Councillor

COUNCIL - TUESDAY 25 JULY 2023

Further to the Agenda and papers for the above meeting, previously circulated, please find attached a background paper in relation to Agenda Item 7c which has been circulated to Members by email

Should you have any queries regarding the above please contact Democratic Services on Tel: 01684 272021

Yours sincerely

Director: Corporate Resources On behalf of Chief Executive

Agenda Item 7c



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All Members Tewkesbury Borough Council

SENT BY EMAIL

cc Alistair Cunningham, Chief Executive

Dear Councillors,

Tewkesbury Garden Town - Report on the Gateway Review

I am writing on behalf of the landowners who collectively own the majority of the land to the north of Ashchurch that forms part of the Tewkesbury Garden Town. Known collectively as the North Ashchurch Consortium, the landowners comprise Mansfield Partners, Bromford Group (the largest social housing landlord in the Borough), and Bellway Homes (a 5 star national housebuilder).

The North Ashchurch Consortium share a common goal of delivering an exemplar development which celebrates and respects its situation, setting and environment. The Consortium are also working with other landowners to ensure that there is a comprehensive approach to the northern phase of the Garden Town.

Further to the publication of the Gateway Review Report, and ahead of its consideration at the meeting of the Council this evening, the Consortium would like to express their support for the Gateway Review Report recommendations and the Council's proposed refreshed approach to the Garden Town programme. The North Ashchurch Consortium's intentions for bringing forward the northern phase of the Garden Town very much align with the recommendations; and these will also assist in guiding how the Consortium move forward.

The Gateway Review Report rightly recognises the importance of clear communication and effective community engagement, and the Consortium have been eager to commence with community engagement for North Ashchurch for some time now. Ideas and evidence have been gathered and prepared, and the Consortium are keen to share this as soon as possible to give local people and organisations an opportunity to share its ideas in order to help shape this first phase of the Garden Town.

The North Ashchurch Consortium are committed to working collaboratively with the Council and stakeholders, and to delivering a high quality development which is unique to Tewkesbury Garden Town and something that everyone can be proud of.

The Consortium look forward to working with the Council on this exciting project, and would be happy to meet with any Members with an interest in the Garden Town to present their work undertaken to date and ideas on engagement with local residents and stakeholders.

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