

NORTH EAST OF LEICESTER SUE NEWSLETTER 2

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This newsletter is produced by CEG and is the second in a series to keep you informed about the North East of Leicester Sustainable Urban Extension.



SUPPLEMENTARY ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

A Supplementary ES and some minor amendments to the Parameter Plans to show enhanced planting proposals north of Hamilton and the new cycle/footpath link to the NE corner of the site, as well as illustrating how densities have been reduced and the extent of the development area to the N and NE edge has been pulled further back from Barkby have recently been submitted.

UPDATED TRANSPORT ASSESSMENT

The Supplementary ES includes an updated Transport Assessment which uses the County Council's new LLITM 5 transport model to carefully assess traffic flows, the options for traffic mitigation and better manage commuter traffic in the wider area.

This modelling work tests the effect of vehicles on the roads in phases up to 2031. LLITM is used to assess the effects of the SUE with and without other development and mitigation measures (These include junction improvements, new traffic signals on key junctions, new roads and measures designed to ensure vehicles use the most attractive routes).

LLITM 5 takes into account different committed employment zones and predicted travel patterns across Leicestershire, as well as working from home, so we can ensure we design the transport improvements to accommodate the vehicles on the network.

This modelling work ensures any problem areas are identified and resolved so that vehicle flows in 2031 are no worse than they would be without the development and its mitigation measures. In some areas, it also demonstrates that there are potential benefits to be gained.

PLANNING OBLIGATIONS

Detailed discussions with Charnwood BC are continuing and include considering responses from consultees which set out requests for planning obligations to address the effects of development. A legal agreement will be used to secure a range of facilities and benefits including the provision of health and community facilities and services, new school places, affordable housing, public transport improvements, investment in the local civic amenity site, sport and recreation provision and a range of other public open spaces.

HAMILTON PARK PROPOSALS

Detailed discussions with Leicester City Council have explored opportunities to improve Hamilton Park as part of works to accommodate the new access road, including:

- Realigning the pond to deliver an attractive island feature, natural terraced seating over the water, a jetty, fishing pods & a new car parking area
- A new circular walk and a new park area to the north linking into Hamilton with extended walks
- A new bus route to the Park, the new development and its facilities and business estate
- An extended Green Wedge to link the Park to the new cricket pitch, new ponds and planting
- Better natural surveillance of the Park

The enhancements will encourage more active use of the park, improving accessibility and security, to address the possible effects of the road.

See the *Hamilton Park Proposals* document on the home page of the project website: www.thurmastonurbanextension.co.uk

GET INVOLVED

A Liaison Group meets monthly to discuss and debate various aspects of the proposal. The local Parish Councils, Charnwood, Leicester City and Leicestershire County Councillors attend, as well as local groups, such as BABTAG and Hamilton Resident's Association. Your Parish or Town Council can provide you with information and raise questions or ideas on your behalf. The minutes of recent meetings are on the project website.

For further information you can email questions to ceg@beattiegroupp.com or call Victoria Walker on T: 07876 548498 or 0844 425270. Please share this newsletter with your friends and neighbours.

Further information, including the updated TA, can be viewed on Charnwood's website via this link: <https://portal.charnwood.gov.uk/Northgate/PlanningExplorerA/ApplicationSearch.aspx> (Input Application Ref P/13/2498/2).

It can also be viewed on Leicester City Council's website or you can visit the dedicated website to access the documents: www.thurmastonurbanextension.com.