

Consultation Responses

Project:	Former Castle Hill Middle School, Haverhill	Job No:	304548
Client:	Barley Homes	Date:	30th October 2018

Total number of questionnaires: 7 **Total Number of attendees:**

Questions	Yes	No	No Response
1. Do you think we have identified all the constraints on the site?	4.00	3.00	0.00
	57.14%	42.86%	0.00%
Comments:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Happy to see roads should not impact on school. • Issue raised additional people using the Rugby Club pitches to walk dogs. Investment made to pitches over past 2 years means this area needs protecting. • I have concerns regarding the right hand turn between Chivers Rd and the main road off the bypass, this is at capacity and cars turning right can queue and taken risks especially during rush-hour. • Queueing around rush hour can take especially long time and adding additional cars will potentially cause more risk taking and accidents. • Can never have enough parking. Yes don't use School Lane. <p>No. The water-course running along the southern boundary of the site is mentioned on several occasions, often with the comment that it can sometimes be 'dry.' While this is no doubt true, it can also contain a considerable flow of water when there has been sustained rainfall. There is also mention of the need for a pond on the recreational end of the site. This would need to be securely fenced to keep it safe.</p>			
Questions	Yes	No	No Response
2. Do you think we have identified all the opportunities for the site?	2.00	3.00	2.00
	28.57%	42.86%	28.57%
Comments:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unsure at this stage. • Open space area is still recorded as very vague. Haverhill Rugby Club has been promised land as additional playing pitches. It is not documented what the open space will be used for. • The development should work with vision 2031 not be dictated by it. Add 23m to eastern edge and provide 25 more units. Will not affect Leisure opportunities but increase returns to WSC. • No. The Forest School site currently used by St Felix School is a great resource but has suffered greatly from security issues since the closure and demolition of Castle Hill School. This would be a great opportunity to develop this area further, for the possible benefit of other schools, preschools and community groups. 			
Questions	Yes	No	No Response
3. Do you agree with the draft design principles for the housing site set out in Section 4.0?	5.00	1.00	1.00
	71.43%	14.29%	14.29%
Comments:			

- I have concerns regarding the right hand turn between Chivers Rd and the main road off the bypass, this is at capacity and cars turning right can queue and taken risks especially during rush-hour.
- Queueing around rush hour can take especially long time and adding additional cars will potentially cause more risk taking and accidents.
- Yes in principle, but there is no mention of provision of lighting for footpaths, which would be vital for safe use during the winter months, and in the evenings.

Questions	Yes	No	No Response
4. Do you agree with the draft recommendations in Section 6.0?	3.00	1.00	3.00
	42.86%	14.29%	42.86%

Comments:

- Chivers Road and Camps Road junction will need improving to support additional traffic. Speed calming measures on Chivers Road.

Questions	Yes	No	No Response
5. Do you think any further recommendations are required for the development of the site?	3	2	2
	42.86%	28.57%	28.57%

Comments:

- Clarification on Open Space required.
- Ensure as far as possible minimum space standards used, Solar Panels, Electric charging, Sufficient parking. Provision for Rugby/Multi-use.
- Amount of traffic generation on the right hand turn to the bypass especially with and extra 50+ cars being used by these houses.
- If School Lane could be relayed as part of this it would be great.

Please provide any further comment you have below:

Haverhill Vision 2031 states no development to be approved until Open Space is clarified. West Suffolk Play Pitch Strategy 2015, clearly states lack of Sports pitches in Haverhill. Haverhill Rugby Club is mentioned as not having adequate facilities and floodlights. This needs to be considered with development.

- Will any parking be provided for these properties to avoid cars being parked on the road/paths?
- St Felix must maintain access to the forest area and crime around the area must be addressed.
- Don't ever use School Lane for access.

It is stated that a 'relatively small amount of money', will be generated to contribute to the recreational area. As both the security of the current school sites and the lighting in School Lane will need to be improved and a considerable amount spent on the development of the recreational area, the phrase, 'it is hoped this [the draft plan] will carry some weight' with Suffolk County Council does not fill us with confidence that the development of the recreational area will take place in these times of austerity. A greater commitment from Suffolk County Council should be sought to ensure that the development of the recreational area goes ahead in conjunction with the development of the housing site.

We are grateful to have been included in the consultation process so far, and were much reassured that our previous comments were included in the second draft of the proposal. We look forward to seeing how the development continues and would be keen to continue to be involved in this process.

It would be helpful if you could let us know the street you live on:

- Crowland Road
- North of Town
- Victoria Road and Haverhill Rugby Club
- Strawberry Fields

- The Keeps House, backs onto School Lane
- School Lane