

PRESS RELEASE

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SECOND ROUND OF CONSULTATION LAUNCHED ON PLANS FOR NEW PENWORTHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD

Local residents are being asked to provide their thoughts on draft plans for a new neighbourhood in Penwortham for a second time in six months.

The site, located to the south of Penwortham will deliver a new, mixed-use community to the east of Penwortham Way. The site is being promoted jointly by one of the UK's largest house builders, Taylor Wimpey, and the Government's housing agency, Homes England. Alongside in the region of 2,000 new homes, the proposals would establish a new dual form primary school, local centre and extended recreational facilities for Penwortham Community Centre, all accessed via a new signalized access off the Penwortham Way.

A consultation on the vision for the site took place earlier in the year, with two public events held in Penwortham and Leyland. In total, over 200 people attended one of the sessions, whilst a further 25,000 viewed the dedicated project website. A further set of workshops were held with residents living within the site, whilst a Steering Group for local representatives to voice their thoughts was also established.

The feedback provided during the first round of consultation was considered by the development team in the preparation of a Masterplan, which was then submitted to South Ribble Borough Council who provided feedback on the draft document. The Authority's Planning Committee endorsed the first round of consultation on Wednesday, 7th November, subsequently allowing the development team to begin consulting on the draft Masterplan.

Taylor Wimpey and Homes England have now commenced the second round of public consultation, which will run for a period of six weeks. The Masterplan, alongside ways to provide feedback, can be viewed on the dedicated project website, www.newhomesforpenwortham.co.uk and in hard copy format at the Civic Centre in Leyland, Kingsfold Library and Lostock Hall Library. Two public exhibitions will also take place at Penwortham Community Centre, providing residents with an opportunity to meet the development team and provide their comments. The sessions will take place on Tuesday, 20th November between 3pm and 7:30pm and on Tuesday 27th between 4pm and 7:30pm.

Speaking about the plans Kate McClean, Senior Strategic Land and Planning Manager at Taylor Wimpey, said:

"We are delighted to be launching the second round of consultation on our plans for a new neighbourhood in Penwortham, after a successful first tranche in the summer. Working together, Taylor Wimpey and Homes England are committed to engagement with residents and stakeholders to establish a Masterplan that local people can be proud of.

“Pickering’s Farm will establish the new homes that South Ribble is identified to need, alongside a range of new community services which can be used by both new and existing residents. The includes the provision of a new local centre, primary school and the extension of community facilities at Penwortham Community Centre.”

The site has long been identified as a Major Site for Development within South Ribble Council’s Local Plan, and will contribute towards the Authority’s identified need of 7,000 new homes between now and 2026. The site also forms part of the Central Lancashire City Deal, a 10-year infrastructure delivery programme which aims to increase the size of the local economy by £1 billion. The City Deal programme is considered a once in a lifetime opportunity, delivering new communities and opportunities for local people, including some £434 million in expanding local transport infrastructure.

Nicola Elsworth, Head of Public Sector Land (North West) at Homes England, said:

“As a key partner in the Central Lancashire Deal and landowner at Pickering’s Farm, we’re enabling the construction of new homes and infrastructure that will help to grow the area’s economy.

“Pickering’s Farm will provide new homes, new jobs and a new neighbourhood in line with South Ribble Council’s Local Plan. Homes England and Taylor Wimpey are committed to delivering a development that will really benefit people in Penwortham and we look forward to continuing to work with local residents as our plans progress.”

Those wishing to provide comments on the Masterplan have until Friday 21st December to submit their comments. The development team will consider the feedback provided, with an amended Masterplan expected to be submitted to South Ribble Council in the new year. A formal planning application will be submitted in 2019, with the first homes to be built in 2020, subject to the Council’s feedback.

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Notes to Editors

About Taylor Wimpey:

Taylor Wimpey is one of the UK’s largest residential housebuilders, delivering over 14,000 homes per year. We understand that development is about more than creating homes and we provide millions of pounds worth of infrastructure, for example roads, sewers, landscaping and community facilities, every year across the UK. We aim to develop vibrant communities with a true sense of place that fit into their surrounding area and meet the needs of local people.

We are a responsible community developer, committed to working with local people, community groups and local authorities and keeping them informed about our work, both before we build and throughout the life of the development. We focus on getting the basics of homebuilding right first time, such as quality, customer service and health and safety, and we aim to continually improve all parts of our business.

About Homes England:

Homes England is the Government’s housing accelerator. We have the appetite, influence, expertise and resources to drive positive market change. By releasing more land to developers who want to make a

difference, and investing in places of greatest need, to deliver new homes. Homes England welcomes partners who share their ambition to challenge the traditional norms and build better homes faster.

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