



Homes England

Reference: 20457: Lea Castle Village

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Lea Castle Village wider site consultation

We are writing to let you know that on Monday 21 June 2021 Homes England is launching a non-statutory consultation on the proposed mixed-use development of the wider site of Lea Castle Village. Due to ongoing uncertainties about COVID-19 restrictions, the consultation is being held online and we will be unable to hold a public exhibition. We believe that you are a stakeholder who may have an interest in the development and therefore may wish to submit your feedback to our consultation.

Homes England secured outline planning permission in June 2019 for the development of 600 new affordable and market homes and small scale employment on the former Lea Castle Hospital site (known as the core site). The development is currently under construction by Vistry Homes.

This consultation explains our proposals for the next phase of mixed use development at Lea Castle on land surrounding the core site, which forms part of the overall proposals for a new Lea Castle Village as set out in the emerging Wyre Forest District Local Plan.

As a responsible landowner, Homes England has a positive role to play in assisting the Council in meeting its needs for new housing, employment land and community facilities which in this case include a new primary school and local centre.

This consultation sets out how the wider site will be developed and integrated with the development currently under construction on the core site to deliver a sustainable new village that reflects the Council's aspirations for this development and provides new housing and facilities to benefit the local community.

On Monday 21 June we will launch a dedicated website about the Lea Castle Village wider site at www.leacastlevillage.com. On this website you will be able to access and respond to our consultation which will run for three weeks from 21 June 2021 to 11:59pm on 11 July 2021. We will be seeking your views on

- Our proposals for the Lea Castle Village wider site
- Your suggestions or concerns
- What within the local area is of interest to you.

To respond to the consultation, you can access a questionnaire that will be available on the website above or send an email to leacastleconsultation@woodplc.com.

If you do not have access to the internet and would like a hard copy of the consultation booklet, questionnaire and Freepost envelope (one copy per household) or would like to make a request for the information to be provided in an alternative format please call 0800 4480416.

Your feedback is important to us and will help us to develop our final plans. Please take this opportunity to view our proposals and let us know your thoughts so that we can take these on board as we develop the design. Your feedback will be used to inform a future outline planning application which we hope to submit in early autumn 2021. A statutory consultation will be held once the application has been submitted which will provide stakeholder with a formal opportunity to comment to Wyre Forest District Council.

Please ensure that you submit your feedback by the 11:59pm on 11 July 2021.

Yours sincerely,

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