### **TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990**

# **PUBLIC INQUIRY TO BE HELD AS A VIRTUAL EVENT**

# Opening on 13 July 2020 at 11.00am

## **REASON FOR INQUIRY**

Appeal by Bloor Homes Western relating to the application to Herefordshire Council for a mixed use development including the erection of up to 625 new homes (including affordable housing), up to 2.9 hectares of B1 employment land, a canal corridor, public open space (including a linear park), access, drainage and ground modelling works and other associated works. The proposal is for outline planning permission with all matters reserved for future consideration with the exception of access. Only the means of access into the site is sought as part of this outline application, not the internal site access arrangements (i.e. they are not formally form part of the application). Vehicular access is proposed off the Bromyard Road at Land North of Viaduct, Adjoining Orchard Business Park, Ledbury

An Inspector instructed by the Secretary of State will hold an Inquiry opening on the date shown above. The Inquiry will be held as a virtual event run by an Inspector in the normal way, but with the parties invited to join via Microsoft Teams or telephone.

Documents relating to the appeal can be viewed on the Council website (Ref no. 171532). Anyone wishing to attend the inquiry must make that interest known to the Planning Inspectorate Case Officer as soon as possible prior to the Inquiry, either by email or telephone after reading the Inquiry Attendance Information set out below. When contacting the Case Officer, it would be helpful if you could confirm whether you want to take an active part in the proceedings or anticipate attending just as an observer (see below).

### **Inquiry Attendance Information**

Before deciding whether to take an active part in the Inquiry, you need to think carefully about the points you wish to make. All written submissions from application and appeal stage will be taken into account by the Inspector and re-stating the same points won't add any additional weight to them.

If you feel that taking part in the Inquiry is right for you in whatever capacity, you can participate in a number of ways:

To take part using video, participants will need to have access to Microsoft Teams (via an app or web browser). This link gives further information on how to use this. <a href="https://support.office.com/en-us/teams">https://support.office.com/en-us/teams</a>. Alternatively you can take part by telephone. Calls would be to an 020 number which will incur charges. <a href="https://www.gov.uk/call-charges">https://www.gov.uk/call-charges</a>

If you just wish to observe the event, you should make that clear in your response to the Case Officer.

If you wish to take an active part in the proceedings, please make clear in your response whether you wish only to appear at the Inquiry and make a statement, or whether you would also wish to ask questions on particular topics.

If you want to take an active part but feel unable to for any reason, and/or the points you want to make are not covered in the evidence of others, consider whether someone else could raise them on your behalf

Registered participants in whatever capacity will receive individual joining instructions, providing details of any requirements, guidance and support, whether joining by Teams or telephone. You should note that the event will be recorded by the Planning Inspectorate for training and quality assurance purposes.

### **Planning Inspectorate Reference:**

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