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Our Ref: RFI2793
Your Ref: FOI Request – Chalgrove Masterplan
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Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI2793

Thank you for your request of information, which was processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). For clarification, you requested the following information:

What relationship does the recent purchase have to the existing Masterplan for Chalgrove Airfield?

What is the intended final scale of the Masterplan, given the recent purchase? Is it intended that this additional land will be developed?

Are there any changes to the Masterplan that should be communicated to local residents?

When will any changes to the Masterplan be communicated to local residents affected by this development?

What is the Homes England definition of "Town", and when did the Masterplan that was consulted on change from being one for a Market Village to one for a Market Town?

Response

We can confirm that we do hold information that falls within the scope of your request, please see below our response.

What relationship does the recent purchase have to the existing Masterplan for Chalgrove Airfield?

We have bought 189 hectares of land to the north of Chalgrove Airfield to provide flexibility for the high quality housing and employment uses identified in our masterplan. This supports our plans for a new sustainable 21st century market town.

What is the intended final scale of the Masterplan, given the recent purchase? Is it intended that this additional land will be developed?

Homes England is preparing a planning application for a 3,000 home residential led mixed-use development on the Chalgrove Airfield site which comprises an area of 254hectare in line with the requirements of policy STRAT7 of the South Oxfordshire District Council draft Local Plan 2034. The redline boundary for our proposals also includes land outside of the airfield boundary that may be required for temporary access, drainage and arboriculture management giving an overall area of 298 hectare.

The additional land Homes England recently acquired is located directly north of the Chalgrove Airfield site/redline boundary area detailed above. This land has been acquired to provide flexibility for the housing and employment uses identified in our masterplan. This land is not included within the redline boundary (except where it is required

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for temporary access, drainage or arboriculture management) and therefore is not part of the developed area in our Chalgrove airfield proposals.

Are there any changes to the Masterplan that should be communicated to local residents?

Home England has engaged with stakeholders including local residents since the site transferred to Homes England in 2016. We have taken account feedback received from stakeholders, including the local community during comprehensive pre application engagement which has influenced our development proposals. Our proposals are compliant with South Oxfordshire District Council's policies for the Chalgrove Airfield site as set out in the emerging South Oxfordshire Local Plan.

When will any changes to the Masterplan be communicated to local residents affected by this development?

We will communicate again with stakeholders including the local community when we submit a planning application to South Oxfordshire District Council.

What is the Homes England definition of "Town", and when did the Masterplan that was consulted on change from being one for a Market Village to one for a Market Town?

Homes England has no standard definition of Town. Homes England's vision for the site has been shaped in collaboration with partners as well as two independent design reviews of our development proposals. The proposed development will be a connected, distinctive and vibrant place. A 21st century market town with a range of homes, jobs, services and community facilities expected of a market town.

The development proposals which we consulted on in July 2018 identified our proposals as a 21st century market town. Please find enclosed to this response attached as Annex A an electronic copy of the exhibition board which was displayed in Chalgrove Village at public exhibitions on the 13th and 14th July 2018 with the title - 'Chalgrove Airfield: A 21st Century Market Town'.

Right to Appeal

If you are not happy with the information that has been provided or the way in which your request has been handled you may request an internal review by writing to;

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The Information Commissioner's details can be found via the following link

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Please note that the contents of your request and this response are also subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Homes England may be required to disclose your request and our response accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

Information Access Team

For Homes England