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PIGEON AND THE CROWN ESTATE SUBMIT SUSTAINABLE HOUSING PLANS TO SUPPORT THETFORD TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION

The Crown Estate and development partners Pigeon, have submitted a planning application for a sustainable new neighbourhood for Thetford. The land, between the northern boundary of the town and the A11, is owned by The Crown Estate and The Kilverstone Estate.

Designed to support the planned regeneration of the town centre, and finalised following extensive consultation with the local community, the 5,000 home masterplan delivers significant benefits including; thousands of jobs, three new primary schools, improved GP and dental services, a comprehensive bus system linking into the town centre, improved road junctions, cycle and pedestrian links and new publicly accessible open spaces. New community, leisure and retail facilities will also be developed.

The plans have been significantly altered during an 18-month public consultation period involving local residents, Breckland Council, Moving Thetford Forward, Thetford Town Council, Brettenham, Croxton and Kilverstone Parish Councils and other local groups. The feedback from stakeholders has been very positive.

Some of the amendments arising from these discussions include:

- A reduction in the number of dwellings from 6000 to 5000
- The retention of large areas of woodland
- The Scheduled Ancient Monument on the northwest edge of the site will be reinstated as publicly accessible heathland
- A junction opposite Heathlands Drive has been removed to minimise traffic impact
- The scheme has been revised to retain Norwich Road as a single carriageway thus avoiding the need to fell trees

Pigeon Director, William van Cutsem and Nick Harper, head of rural asset management and development at The Crown Estate said: “We have engaged extensively with the local community and the feedback received has been extremely useful in helping us finalise our proposals. The resulting plans will provide a new neighbourhood that everyone locally can be proud of and that will make a positive contribution to the future of Thetford.”

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