PUBLIC NOTICE

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 38 OF PROPOSAL FOR LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ORDER GRANTING PLANNING PERMISSION

Proposed development: Gravity Local Development Order (LDO)

Notice is given that Sedgemoor District Council proposes to make a local development order granting planning permission to allow development proposals that comply with the relevant parameters under the terms of the Gravity Local Development Order. The developments permitted by the Order shall comprise:

Any operations or engineering works necessary to enable the development of the Site, including demolition, excavation and earthworks, the formation of compounds for the stockpiling, sorting and treatment of excavated materials, import of material to create development platforms, piling, and any other operations or engineering necessary for site mobilisation, office and worker accommodation, communications, drainage, utilities and associated environmental, construction and traffic management.

The development of a smart campus including;

- Commercial building or buildings with a total Gross External Area of up to 1,000,000m2 which would sit within current Use Classes E(a) (g), B2, B8 and sui generis floorspace uses and
- A range of buildings up to 100,000m2 within use classes C1, C2, E (a) (g), F, B8, including restaurants / cafes, shops, leisure, education, and sui generis uses and
- Up to 750 homes in use class C3

Together with associated infrastructure including restoration of the railway line for passenger and freight services, rail infrastructure including terminals, sidings and operational infrastructure and change of use of land to operational rail land, multi-modal transport interchange, energy generation, energy distribution and management infrastructure, utilities and associated buildings and infrastructure, digital infrastructure, car parking, a site wide sustainable water management system and associated green infrastructure, access roads and landscaping.

The Gravity Local Development Order (the LDO) permits development only within the boundaries identified on the LDO area plans. The extent of the LDO area is shown on the "red line" plan "LDO Site Boundary" within the proposed LDO document.

The Gravity LDO is proposed to last for a period of 15 years. The Council will review progress with the LDO five years after its adoption to reflect on the continued suitability of the LDO.

A copy of the draft order including a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order, accompanying Design Guide and Environmental Statement are available for inspection at the Council Offices at Bridgwater House, King Square, Bridgwater, Somerset TA6 3AR during normal office hours. A copy of the documents above, will also be available at The 37 Club, 1 West Approach Road, Puriton, Bridgwater TA7 8AD during opening hours.

The documents are also published on the Council's website at www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/GravityLDO

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this proposed Local Development Order should write to the Council at:

Gravity LDO, Development Management, Inward Investment & Growth, Sedgemoor District Council, Bridgwater House, King Square, Bridgwater TA6 3AR

Or by email to development.management@sedgemoor.gov.uk

By no later than 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 8th December 2021

Any representations received will be made available for public inspection and may be published on the internet.

Stuart Houlet - Assistant Director Inward Investment & Growth 9th November 2021