

## **LAND TO THE SOUTH EAST OF FINCHAMPSTEAD ROAD: WESTERN END OF SOUTH WOKINGHAM STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT LOCATION**

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Wokingham Society I offer the following comments on the plans for development at this location:

1. We are grateful for the opportunity to comment and, for those of us who attended the exhibition, we thank the various representatives for engaging with our questions.
2. We appreciate that the extent of housing provision has been constrained by the nature of the site but from our perspective this creates a pleasing balance between the built environment, landscaped areas and largely untouched green space and footpaths.
3. We imagine that the limitation in the number of dwellings will lead the company to optimise the range (and therefore hopefully the quality) of the houses to be built, but we trust that this will not drive up the cost of the affordable housing to be provided.
4. Fellow Wokingham Society member and local nature conservationist John Harrison has written to you about the need to preserve both the footpaths within and on the perimeter of this site and the views they afford. We agree with his analysis.
5. We hope that you have been in contact with, or been contacted by, two local organisations – the Friends of the Emm Brook (<http://www.foteb.org.uk/> and [info@foteb.org.uk](mailto:info@foteb.org.uk) ) and the Wokingham District Veteran Tree Association (<https://www.wdvta.org.uk/> and [alison.griffin100@btinternet.com](mailto:alison.griffin100@btinternet.com)) – which have considerable expertise to offer in respect of the local environment.
6. Borough Council guidelines look to applicants for large developments to include provision for public art within the site. We hope you will embrace this concept, as urged by local Arts Society Wokingham Chairman Robin Cops when he attended the exhibition. David Wilson homes can advise how they selected and commissioned the sculptures installed at Montague Park.
7. Do come back to me if you want to pursue any of the above points. We look forward to seeing your planning application in due course.

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