



Welcome to our consultation

Homes England welcomes you to this public consultation regarding the wider site at Lea Castle Village, Kidderminster.

Homes England secured outline planning permission in June 2019 for the development of 600 new affordable and market homes and small scale employment on the former Lea Castle Hospital site (known as the core site). The development is currently under construction by Vistry Homes.

This consultation explains our proposals for the next phase of mixed use development at Lea Castle on land surrounding the core site, which forms part of the overall proposals for a new Lea Castle Village as set out in the emerging Wyre Forest District Local Plan. The planning application for this next phase will not be determined until the Local Plan has been formally adopted by the Council (anticipated to be in Spring 2022).

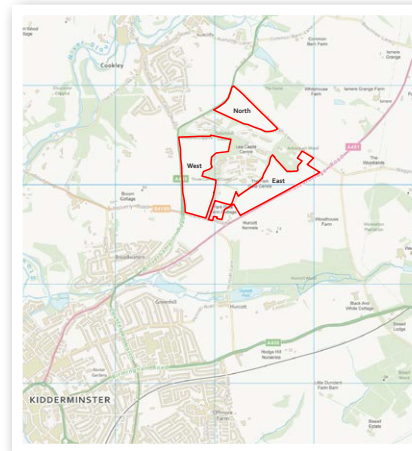
As a responsible landowner, Homes England has a positive role to play in assisting the Council in meeting its needs for new housing, employment land and community facilities which in this case include a new primary school, community facility and potential for a new GP surgery.

This consultation sets out how the wider site will be developed and integrated with the development; currently under construction on the core site, to deliver a sustainable new village that reflects the Council's aspirations for this development and provides new housing and facilities to benefit the local community.

Please take this opportunity to view our proposals and let us know your thoughts so that we can take these on board as we develop the design. Your feedback will be used to inform a future outline planning application which we hope to submit in late summer/early Autumn 2021.

The deadline for submitting responses is 11:59pm on 11 July 2021.

If you have any questions about the proposals or the consultation you can call 0800 4480416 or email leacastleconsultation@woodplc.com.



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About Homes England

Homes England is the government's housing accelerator developing public sector land and investing in communities. We're making possible the new homes England needs, helping to improve neighbourhoods and grow communities by working with others to build homes faster for local people.

High quality design is very important to Homes England as are the principles of ensuring that new communities are designed with healthy living and nature at their heart. Homes England does not build houses itself but retains involvement in sites to ensure that high standards are met by its selected Development Partners.

For further information on Homes England visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/homes-england>



Lea Castle Village Vision Statement

Our vision statement:

Lea Castle village represents a unique opportunity within Wyre Forest District Council to create a sustainable new community in an attractive landscape setting. It will offer new market and affordable homes to meet local need and it will include a local centre at the heart of the development, providing for essential retail needs, a new primary school, community facility and potential for a new GP surgery. Part of the site will provide employment opportunities for people to work locally.

The village is located partly within and partly against the backdrop of a mature woodland setting, with new play areas and improved playing pitches. A bus route will serve the site as will new pedestrian and cycle routes to nearby settlements, to encourage sustainable forms of travel and reduce car use. There are good links out to the open countryside. Lea Castle Village will be an exciting new community that enables people to live fulfilling lives with high quality housing in a well-designed environment that meets the needs of the whole community.

Our vision is to create a great new place for local people to live, whilst also delivering benefits for the whole community.