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North Site planning applications to be considered at Committee Meeting

Malvern Hills District Council's Southern Area Development Control Committee will be considering outline planning applications for North Site at a special meeting at 7pm, 27 April at Dyson Perrins School (Main Hall) in Malvern.

The outline applications from Persimmon Homes are for the redevelopment of North Site for housing, employment, a community school, a local centre, open space, landscaping, site roads, changes to existing access and creation of new access.

These applications focus on the overall principle of the redevelopment and do not include any detailed plans for buildings within the redevelopment. Detailed plans would need to be submitted and considered at a later date, if the outline applications are approved.

The applications for highway junction improvements related to the redevelopment of North Site will also be considered at the meeting.

These applications are:

- The creation of a new north access (Leigh Sinton Road) to the site.
- The provision of school coach drop off and collection facilities at Dyson Perrins High School.
- Improvements to the junction of Lower Howsell Road and Worcester Road.

These applications have been submitted so that if the outline applications are approved and the access applications are approved, Persimmon Homes can then start putting in place essential highway improvements.

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Members of the public are invited to air their views at this meeting using the special public speaking procedures*. The amount of time allocated for public speaking has been extended beyond the District Council's normal rules because of the level of public interest and significance of these proposals.

Representatives from Malvern Town Council, West Malvern Parish Council and Leigh and Bransford Parish Council will also have an opportunity to speak, because of the wide-spread off-site highway improvements proposed by these applications.

Colin Davis, Strategic Director for Operational Services at Malvern Hills District Council, said: "These planning applications raise complex planning issues that have required extensive research and clarification. The applications are now ready to be considered by the District Council's Southern Area Development Control Committee. Council officers and the applicants have held extensive discussions and negotiations, but importantly, this work has also included contact with consultees and the local community. "

"We are aware of the concerns that have been raised about the redevelopment of North Site and the level of public interest generally, and have therefore put in place special arrangements for the consideration of these applications."

The planning application details, plans and supporting documentation are available at the Customer Service Centre, based at Malvern Library, Graham Road, Great Malvern.

Residents can also keep up to date with issues on North Site by visiting Malvern Hills District Council's website www.malvern hills.gov.uk where planning applications are available online and there is also a North Site Bulletin Board.

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Notes to editors:

The full planning applications are available to view on the Malvern Hills District Council website:

- The outline applications - ref: 04/00182/OUT and 04/00183/OUT
- The creation of a new north access (Leigh Sinton Road) to the site - ref 06/00217/FUL
- The provision of school coach drop off and collection facilities at Dyson Perrins Secondary School - ref 06/00232/FUL
- Improvements to the junction of Lower Howsell Road and Worcester Road - ref 06/00220/FUL.

*A leaflet setting out the special public speaking arrangements is also available at the Customer Service Centre, based at Malvern Library, Graham Road, Great Malvern