



MAIDEN ERLEGH

CHILTERN EDGE

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Dear Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge Community

As you may be aware, land to the east of the Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge School site is allocated in the Sonning Common Neighbourhood Plan (2016) for residential development. This development will help enable the release of funds for the school to deliver urgently needed improvements to its infrastructure and facilities for the benefit of existing and future school children and the wider community. Since the Neighbourhood Plan (2016) allocation, Maiden Erlegh Trust has been proactively engaging with South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC), Sonning Common Parish Council (SCPC), Sport England and the local community, and in 2021, the Trust selected Deanfield Homes as the developer to progress the residential proposals.

As the proposed residential development is located on land classed as 'playing fields' and including the existing multi-use games area, the Trust has also been progressing a package of sport mitigation measures. The proposed mitigation measures seek to address the reduction in playing field area by providing improvements to the sporting facilities for students and the local community.

On behalf of the Trust and Deanfield Homes, a full planning application (reference: P22/S2180/FUL) was submitted to SODC in June 2022 for the proposed residential development. Separately, in July 2022, the Trust submitted a full planning application (reference: P22/S2586/FUL) to SODC for the proposed sports mitigation measures.

The council is currently consulting on both submitted planning applications prior to determination. As such, if you feel able to, we would very much appreciate your submission of any supportive comments to SODC to help enable its positive determination of both planning applications.

Web links to each planning application where comments can be submitted are provided below:

P22/S2180/FUL – “Redevelopment of surplus playing fields including demolition of former kindergarten building and multi-use games area and erection of 50 dwellings (including 40% affordable housing) together with associated access, parking, drainage and landscaping.”

<https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P22/S2180/FUL>

P22/S2586/FUL – “Sport mitigation measures associated with adjacent residential application (reference P22/S2180/FUL) to include: Construction of a replacement Multi Use Games Area (MUGA), alterations and extensions to existing sports hall building and replacement of cricket strip.”

<https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P22/S2586/FUL>

We will keep you updated on the outcome of both planning applications in due course.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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