

Appendix 2: Summary of Amendments

The most notable elements from the feedback that form part of the new planning application include:-

Re-alignment of the spine road: To address concerns about the impact of the proposed road from the A338 to Deansleigh Road on adjacent properties, the alignment will be changed to ensure that noise mitigation can be provided using a reasonable height fence and landscaping proposals.

Cob barn: Historic England submitted a response and the new planning application will include the retention of the Cob Barn

Sustainable Travel: A major element of the scheme is to provide enhanced facilities for pedestrians, cyclists and bus users leading to more sustainable journeys in the area. The plans include new walking and cycling routes connecting Wessex Fields to the Stour Valley Way, as well as new pedestrian/ cycle links between Deansleigh Road and Riverside Avenue.

Greenbelt: A Nature Reserve is proposed adjacent to the development site which will enable improved public access to the greenbelt.

Trees: All veteran trees will be retained as part of the proposed scheme. Substantial work has been undertaken to ensure that they are protected to ensure their longevity, and they form an integral part of the landscaping proposals.

Flooding: Whilst a section of the scheme will be in the outer extent of the River Stour floodplain, and there is a small loss of capacity for the flood plain, this is off-set by a new landscape design. These will also form part of the landscaping features and contribute towards making this area a place where people can spend leisure time in a green open space.

Air quality: assessments on the proposed scheme show that there will be negligible impact on air quality.

Street lighting: will be in the development site only and not on the new junction and overbridge. Embankment planting is planned to shield light from vehicle headlights, particularly in relation to nearby housing.