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Northern Gateway Consortium confirms forthcoming public consultation plans

The Northern Gateway Consortium has announced that it is finalising revised proposals for the future of the Oxford Northern Gateway project and is looking to invite further feedback in a public consultation to take in the next couple of months. Details of these exhibitions will be confirmed in due course.

In the autumn of 2015, the Northern Gateway Consortium confirmed that Peartree Oxford acquired Kier's interest in the Northern Gateway. Following this, the Consortium have reviewed their proposals and will hold a public consultation in the next couple of months.

The project is underpinned by the Oxford City Council Core Strategy and the Northern Gateway Area Action Plan (AAP) which was adopted by Oxford City Council on 20th July 2015.

The Consortium continue to develop plans to provide new jobs, open space and homes, as well as deliver improvements to the local highway, footpath and cycle networks. The precise mix and composition of uses on the site are yet to be fully determined but the development is anticipated to include:

- up to 90,000m² of employment-led development delivering high-skilled jobs focussed on Oxford's key strengths in the knowledge economy
- up to 500 new homes
- complementary retail units
- a hotel comprising between 120 and 180 bedrooms
- public open space
- highway improvements
- footpaths
- cycleways

The Northern Gateway Consortium will confirm exact details of the public exhibitions shortly.

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Note to Editors

1. Oxford City Council has a long identified strategy to establish a vibrant urban extension to Oxford at the Northern Gateway site as part of a planned expansion of the city.

This expansion is underpinned by the Oxford City Council Core Strategy (adopted in March 2011) and more recently the Northern Gateway Area Action Plan (AAP) which was adopted by the City Council on 20th July 2015. These documents reflect the Council's vision for the City which aims to:

- Strengthen Oxford's knowledge-based economy
- Provide more housing
- Improve the local and strategic road network
- Respond to the context of the natural and historic environment
- Create a gateway to Oxford
- Encourage a low-carbon lifestyle/economy
- Encourage comprehensive master planning of the Northern Gateway site
- Ensure that deliverability of the scheme is supported on a viable basis

The preparation of an outline planning application will include a development masterplan, which will set a framework for how individual development plots should be brought forward in the future, through subsequent detailed planning applications, as part of a long term, sensitively phased approach to delivery.

2. The Northern Gateway Consortium brings together the key landowners of the area identified within Oxford City Council's Northern Gateway Area Action Plan, including Thomas White Oxford and Peartree Oxford. Thomas White Oxford and Peartree Oxford are companies wholly owned by St John's College Oxford.