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Northern Gateway Consortium announces further public consultation on plans

The Northern Gateway Consortium has announced that, following its public consultation earlier this year, it will be consulting further on the more detailed plans in early 2016.

The Northern Gateway Consortium has also confirmed that Thomas White Oxford and Peartree Oxford have acquired Kier's interest in the Northern Gateway, which is the site of the planned expansion of the City of Oxford.

The expansion is underpinned by the Oxford City Council Core Strategy (which was adopted in March 2011) and the Northern Gateway Area Action Plan (AAP) which was adopted by Oxford City Council on 20th July 2015.

Earlier this year, the Consortium consulted local residents on the plans, which will 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, well-paid 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
- substantial areas of public open space
- highway improvements
- footpaths
- cycleways
- open space

The Northern Gateway Consortium will be reviewing the proposals in light of the earlier consultations and approval of the AAP and will be undertaking further consultations early next year on their development plans.

More information about the proposals is available at
www.northerngatewayconsultation.co.uk

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Note to Editors

1. Oxford City Council has a long identified strategy to establish a vibrant 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 to bring forward the development of the Northern Gateway.

There are other smaller landowners including Oxford City Council and Merton College within the AAP area, but they are not part of the Consortium.