**GBC Consultation FAQs**

**How will the homes be allocated?**

*The homes will be allocated to people on Gosport Borough Council's housing waiting list. In accordance with the council’s allocation policy, which can be found on our website*

**Why are you building the homes?**

*There is both a national and local shortage of affordable homes with a particular need in Gosport for good-sized, family accommodation and accessible properties. The proposed homes will provide vital housing for local people at an affordable rent.*

**Why have you chosen the proposed sites?**

*Stoners Close and Wheeler Close are former garage sites, Glebe Drive is a mix of land and some garages. We have carefully considered the number of properties, and the size and design of each site, to ensure they are appropriate for the locations, and will have minimal impact. We believe the design of the homes and the landscaping will improve the appearance of each site.*

**What is Passivhaus?**

*Passivhaus is a design standard for ultra-low energy consumption homes. Designing and building the homes to this standard will ensure that energy use for residents of the properties is lower, helping to keep energy bills affordable while providing high internal air quality and comfort.*

*Key features of Passivhaus homes are that they are super-insulated and highly airtight, to keep heat in the property, while using mechanical ventilation systems and efficient heating systems.*

**What is the parking provision?**

*Each site has been designed to ensure that there are sufficient parking spaces, in accordance with planning requirements.*

*43 parking spaces in total will be provided for the 15 homes, as outlined below;*

* *Stoners Close - 16 parking spaces*
* *Glebe Drive - 12 parking spaces*
* *Wheeler Close - 15 parking space including 3 disabled parking bays*

**My property is next to the site, will I be overlooked?**

*The position of each home has been carefully designed to ensure that they are located away from existing properties.*

**My property is next to the site, will it block my light?**

*Each site has been carefully designed in accordance with planning requirements on size, height and location.*

**Will any trees be affected?**

*No. We don't anticipate any trees will be affected. But if any existing trees do need to be removed, they will be replaced.*

*New trees will be included on each site, so overall there will more than before.*

**What impact on wildlife will the development have?**

*We have surveyed all sites to assess the impact of the homes. As each site mainly has a concrete surface, the developments will cause minimal impact to wildlife. As part of the landscaping proposals we are looking to enhance the bio-diversity of each site.*

**Has a planning application been submitted?**

*No. We plan to submit a planning application in December 2022. When the planning application is submitted, residents immediately next to each site will be notified.*

**When are the works due to start?**

*Designs are still being developed so we don’t have a firm date. However we anticipate starting in summer or autumn 2023.*

*Residents next to each site will be notified in advance of any work starting, and we will hold another public engagement event with the contractor nearer the time.*

**How long will work take?**

*We won't know the exact duration until a contractor is appointed. However, we anticipate that work on-site would take around a year. This may increase or decrease slightly based upon the size of each site.*

**Will I get the chance to comment further on proposals?**

*When the planning applications are submitted all members of the public will be able to comment on proposals.*

*We will post a link to the planning applications on* [***www.gosport.gov.uk/newhomesgosport***](http://www.gosport.gov.uk/newhomesgosport)

**How will you keep me updated about the development?**

*As the project progresses we will update* [***www.gosport.gov.uk/newhomesgosport***](http://www.gosport.gov.uk/newhomesgosport)

*Once a contractor is appointed we will hold another engagement event for residents to meet the contractor and understand in more detail how the work will progress and any potential impact.*