

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Formal Planning Application**

*Thank you for taking your time to review the proposals for the development of site, your feedback / observations have been noted, these have been formally issued and has been raised with the client team. There will be a further opportunity, to provide additional feedback / observations during the planning application process in the Autumn.*

### **Why a virtual consultation rather than a face-to-face Public Consultation?**

*The format for this supplementary public consultation was agreed with Planners following the original event in early 2019. Due to the significant uncertainty around restrictions at would or would not be permitted during the consultation period a virtual event was agreed. Whilst the concerns may have subsequently eased, there remains nervousness for many on public events. Also, the Trust who will manage the school wanted to be part of any engagement. The Trust have recently returned from their summer break, you will appreciate, this break is much needed after a very challenging year.*

### **What is happening with the Highways proposals**

*A number of comments received to date relate to issues around the highways provision. This element has been discussed at length at previous consultations. All comments have been recognised and form part of the continuing dialogue with the County Highways Teams, these will conclude concurrent with the planning process planned for the autumn.*

*The County Highways Teams ultimately determine the type and extent of proposals to sufficiently address the infrastructure needs for the development and surrounding area or whether additional mitigations are necessary.*

*There will be opportunity to comment further, direct to the planning authority, during the formal planning process, when more detailed plans and supporting documentation will be available.*

*Any future Development / planning applications for the site including the potential secondary school, further Highway strategies will be developed to address that development, and appropriate action & measures will be considered and undertaken.*

*A number of queries request Highways presence at any consultation event, but please note, that even if a face-to-face event had been held, Highways would not be in attendance. They are not part of the project team but rather a Statutory consultee. Their role is to consider the scheme at planning application stage.*

### **Why this location?**

*A number of possible sites have been considered for the location of the Education campus. Sites within the town were rejected by Highways. A site on the west of the town was selected as the demographic information indicated that this was where the greatest need for secondary school places existed. This would be increased further by any future residential development to the west of Wisbech. The SEMH attracts pupils Countywide so by locating this to the west of the town meant that it prevented journeys into the town centre.*

### **What is happening about the Secondary School?**

*The Secondary school will be a separate project. It will be run by the Brook Weston Trust and constructed by the DfE as a free school. The views of the public on Secondary School development proposals will be subject to a separate consultation, future feedback / observation will be open to the public for comments, once the strategy has been finalised / developed.*