PROPOSALS FOR THE FORMER ARVIN MERITOR SITE, FORDHOUSE LANE, STIRCHLEY

Presentation by Richard Brown to Stirchley Residents Forum (9th November 2015)



THE SITE AND ITS SURROUNDINGS

The Site

- Site of Former Arvin Meritor Works
- 2.58 hectares (6.38 acres)
- Industrial buildings demolished in 2009
- Site access via Fordhouse Lane

The Surroundings

- Residential (Ivy Road)
- Offices (BCC Social Services)
- Commercial (shops along Pershore Road)
- The River Rea





THE PROPOSALS



Site History

- Previous ASDA scheme
- Application refused and appeal dismissed

The Emerging Proposals

- Outline application for residential
- All matters reserved except for access
- Circa 100 units
- Mix of houses including affordable housing
- Open space and landscaping



THE BENEFITS OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

- Effective re-use of an unattractive and under-utilised previously developed site
- Lack of demand for employment use at the site (marketed for several years)
- Pressing need for additional housing in Birmingham
- Highly sustainable site for housing
- Support existing shops and facilities in Stirchley
- Planning policy context









OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS



Opportunities

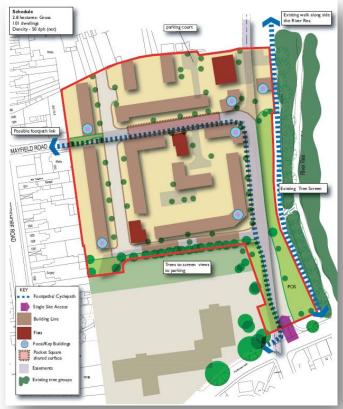
- River Rea and other environmental opportunities
- Vehicular and pedestrian access and linkages
- Urban design and townscape benefits
- Housing density and mix

Constraints

- Easements
- Neighbouring uses
- Environmental considerations



THE EMERGING MASTER PLAN







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THE NEXT STEPS

- Submission of EIA Screening Opinion request
- Pre-application discussions with BCC
- Public consultation
- Completion of technical and environmental studies and reports
- Review of consultation responses
- Finalisation of planning application and formal submission to BCC in December 2015

Discussion



