

## **Planning submitted for a distinctive new community in Cambridge**

Leading housebuilding and property developer Countryside Properties has submitted an outline planning application to Cambridge City Council for development at Clay Farm; proposals that will create a carefully planned urban extension to the south of Cambridge.

Located in Trumpington, on the edge of the city, this will be a mixed use scheme including up to 2300 homes, community facilities and 133 acres of public open space within the 'Green Corridor' to the east of Hobson's Brook. The plans have been developed in response to planning policy at regional and County level, together with Cambridge City Council's Local Plan and the Southern Fringe Area Development Framework.

John Oldham, Director and Group Chief Town Planner for Countryside Properties, says: "We are delighted to have submitted an application for this development which will provide the community with a sustainable garden suburb and much needed facilities for the Cambridge area. The application follows over three years of preparation including extensive discussions with the City Council and other authorities, and our plans have been strongly guided by local residents and stakeholders so community ideas and aspirations have been built into the proposals. We truly believe that this development will be an asset to Cambridge and a distinctive and sensitive extension to the city."

He continues: "There is currently a shortage of family housing in Cambridge with many developments putting an emphasis on one and two bedroom apartments rather than larger properties to suit families with children. At Clay Farm the majority of the new homes will be family houses with gardens."

The masterplan includes a significant proportion of affordable and key worker housing, a neighbourhood centre, nursery, and a site for a new primary school.

Alongside this there is provision for a commercial element including retail, food and drink, financial and professional services.

The development would provide a well connected community with traditional streets, courtyards, mews, terraces and lanes including connections into the Green Corridor. Cycleways, footways and crossings of Hobson's Brook have also been included in the plans.

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