



**Policy, Finance and
Development
Committee**

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Matter for Decision

Title: Stoughton Farm Park Development Brief

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1. Introduction

1.1 This development brief relates to 'Stoughton Grange', land north of Gartree Road, which was previously the site of the Stoughton Farm Park. The purpose of the development brief is to set out the Council's requirements and expectations in relation to the use of this site.

1.2 The Development brief establishes a planning framework that will be used in order to assess any future planning applications, although it does not obligate the Council to grant planning permission for any particular development on the site.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That members approve the Stoughton Grange Development Brief for the purposes of a period of six weeks public consultation from Friday 13th February 2015 to Friday 27th March 2015.

3. Information

3.1 Within the adopted Local Plan for Oadby and Wigston, there are no site specific policies relating to Oadby Grange. Since the farm park closed down development has been permitted on an individual unit or use basis as opposed to a longer term, overall and coherent scheme for the site as a whole.

3.2 It is the objective of the Council to ensure that any new development compliments the existing character of its surrounding area, and any development undertaken is to be carried out in the interests of the highest level of sustainability possible. This follows suit with the location of the site within a Green Wedge and the listed objectives for the Green Wedge should be supported through any development proposals that are suggested. They will also be taken into careful consideration when determining an application for development.

3.3 The original Development Brief was prepared in 2006 and has become out of date in relation to relevant Planning Policy. The opportunity has been taken to update the Development Brief, which will need to undergo six weeks of public consultation. Any responses to this will need to be considered and the Development Brief will be revised where necessary. The Development Brief will then be brought back to Members for approval prior to adoption.

3.4 Any development of the site must conform to the policies established within the Oadby and Wigston Borough Council Local Plan. Consideration and reference

should also be made to the Borough Council's Supplementary Planning Guidance, and relevant national policy guidance.

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Implications	
Legal (KG)	None
Financial (PL)	None
Equalities (KG)	A period of six weeks public consultation will take place on this Development Brief. An Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken of this document.
Risk (AT)	None