

Public Exhibition Highlights Local Priorities

SecondSite Property's public exhibition shows that the overwhelming priorities for the residents of Swanscombe and Greenhithe are traffic management and community facilities. Over 100 local people turned out to view plans to regenerate the Northfleet West Sub-Station site and offer their views on the proposals.

The public exhibition was held over three days at Greenhithe Community Centre and Swanscombe Leisure Centre, and gave people the opportunity to view the proposals, ask questions of the project team and give their feedback on the plans. Many of those that attended took the time to complete comments forms and discuss the plans with the project team.

SecondSite Property also held a focus group last week with local residents to explore their views on the proposals in more detail. The conclusions of this echoed those of the public exhibition.

SecondSite Property will now be reviewing its plans in the light of the comments received at the exhibition and focus group as it prepares to submit a planning application for the site at the end of the year. Commenting on the findings of the exhibition, Philip Edwards of SecondSite Property said:

"It was encouraging to see so many local people take an interest in our proposals for the Northfleet West site. We are grateful to all those who gave up their time to come and view our plans and give us their comments. The feedback we received from local people will be invaluable as we work up our proposals in preparation to submit a planning application."

Anyone who was unable to attend the exhibition but would like to comment on the proposals or anyone who has any further questions, suggestions or comments on SecondSite Property's proposals for the Northfleet West site can call the SecondSite Property Community Information Line on 020 7491 0991 or visit the newly launched project website at www.northfleetwest.info.

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Immediate Release

The exhibition was held on the following dates at the following locations:

- Thursday 21st October, from 5pm to 9pm at Greenhithe Community Centre
- Friday 22nd October, from 4pm to 8pm at Swanscombe Leisure Centre
- Saturday 23rd October, from 10am to 6pm at Swanscombe Leisure Centre

The Northfleet West Sub-Station site is 90 acres in size and consists of three electricity sub-stations, electricity cables and pylons and farmland. It is located in the southeast corner of Eastern Quarry, bounded to the south by the A2 and to the east by Southfleet Road. The site is owned by SecondSite Property.

The rest of the Eastern Quarry site is owned by Land Securities, which is bringing forward its own development plans. SecondSite Property's proposals are separate from Land Securities' plans for the rest of Eastern Quarry, but are compatible with them.

A Masterplan image of SecondSite Property's proposed scheme is provided with this press release.