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Councillor Van De Weyer
South Cambridgeshire District Council,
South Cambridgeshire Hall,
Cambourne Business Park,
Cambourne, Cambridge, CB23 6EA

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Dear Councillor Van De Weyer

South West Cambridgeshire – A New Blueprint for Zero-Carbon Living

Thakeham is delighted to announce our proposals for the UK's first zero-carbon town in South West Cambridgeshire.

Located on the doorstep of Cambridge, and in the heart of the MedTech and OxCambs Arc, South West Cambridgeshire is an opportunity to create the UK's first truly sustainable new community. A zero-carbon place, connected via green transport links, where school and work are accessible and facilities are owned by the local community.

Our vision for a new town and series of connected villages includes land around Barrington, Bassingbourn cum Kneesworth, Foxton, Meldreth, Orwell, Shepreth, Whaddon and Wimpole. The site represents a unique chance to facilitate Cambridgeshire's future growth by building an inclusive community that enjoys healthier lifestyles, great connectivity to the strategic transport network, and quick links to key regional and national centres. With the Government's commitment to a new green industrial revolution, communities such as a South West Cambridgeshire will lead the way in demonstrating what can be achieved.

At Thakeham we pride ourselves on delivering high-quality communities and places, and we are committed to a partnership approach with local authorities and communities together with national and devolved Government. We believe that community placemaking has the power to change lives. South West Cambridgeshire's 25,000 zero-carbon homes, including as many as 10,000 affordable homes, jobs, and community facilities will be the chance to improve the lives of local residents for generations to come.

Our vision for South West Cambridgeshire includes:

- An infrastructure-first approach – having the right foundations in place is the key to building a sustainable community with a long-lasting legacy.
- A dynamic and green living environment - 25,000 sustainable zero-carbon homes (as many as 10,000 affordable).
- Thousands of on-site jobs in research, development, manufacturing and local service businesses.
- An opportunity to create a destination of choice for investment, skills and growth.

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- Enhanced transport links - to Cambridge and London - one stop away from the future Addenbrooke's Station which is connected to East/West Rail.
- A sustainable, zero-carbon community delivering on growth in Cambridgeshire.
- A modern, sustainable and healthy community – a place where people are given the green infrastructure and services they need to thrive.
- Homes which will be zero carbon in over their lifetime and each home will be carbon neutral in production.
- A development which delivers a biodiversity net gain of at least 20%.

Our infrastructure-first vision is backed by a plan to improve connections to Cambridge, the surrounding region, and London, through investment into infrastructure in the wider area. This is a fundamental building block for a community with a sustainable legacy.

From the drawing board to the last home delivered, we are committed to work with councillors, local residents and Government to create a community that stands apart from the rest. To start this process, we will be in touch over the next few days with a call to introduce ourselves and answer any initial questions that you have as far as we are able to at this early stage.

In the meantime, please get in touch with us on 020 4519 8815 or visit our website www.southwestcambridgeshire.com to find out more information.

Yours sincerely

Thakeham Group