

## **Appendix 5**

### **Press releases**

## Press release

1 December 2016

### Public Exhibition announced for Nailsea housing development

**Barratt Homes are inviting Nailsea residents to a public exhibition to find out more and have their say about a proposed housing development off Engine Lane. If approved, the development would provide up to 195 new homes for the town.**

The exhibition will be held at the Vestry Hall in Nailsea on Thursday 15 December. The doors will open to the public at 3pm and the exhibition will close at 8pm.

Planning and Design Manager Chris Dolling said he looked forward to meeting local people. "After a lot of hard work we are finally in a position to share our draft plans with the local community. This is a special project where we have worked in close cooperation with Nailsea Town Council and Nailsea and Backwell Rugby Club. We are keen to hear what local residents think and I hope many will come along to the exhibition."

This scheme will make an important contribution to housing targets for North Somerset, which has a minimum of 20,985 dwellings up to 2026. At present, proposals for Nailsea total 815 dwellings. Mr Dolling added: "This is a good site in a sustainable location. The project helps the Council demonstrate a 5 year housing land supply, which helps to avoid speculative development elsewhere."

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### Notes for the Editor:

#### **Barratt Homes**

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#### **Engine Lane project**

The site's capacity is up to 195 homes, of which 58 are proposed to be affordable. The development would offer a range of house types and sizes, suitable for first time buyers and families. The design of the scheme ensures it will be a natural extension to Nailsea. The scheme will bring new infrastructure, including an attractive open green space, two play areas, two ponds, pedestrian and cycle links and improvements to

existing bridleways. It would offer a range of house types and sizes, suitable for first time buyers and families in accordance with the Nailsea Town Council Mix Policy.

## Press release

21 December 2016

### High turnout at public exhibition for Nailsea housing development

A public exhibition for Barratt Homes' proposed housing development on land off Engine Lane in Nailsea enjoyed great interest from local residents. The project team welcomed 190 people to the event which was held at Christ Church's Vestry Hall in Nailsea.

Information panels set out the plans for up to 183 dwellings to be situated west of the town. Land Manager Matt Regan said: "We have been pleased with the response that we have received from residents, it has been quite a balanced view. Supporters of the scheme said they back the development because of the necessary boost it will give to Nailsea's aging population. Younger people will keep the town's economy and community going and housing is desperately needed to give younger people a chance to get on to the property ladder."

Mr Regan continued: "Our team had the opportunity to address a number of concerns raised by residents, in particular regarding local traffic and infrastructure. Our independent traffic and transport expert was on hand to discuss these issues with residents and provide information on the assessments that have been undertaken. We will continue to liaise with local residents throughout the process and answer any questions they may have."

Barratt Homes is working to submit a planning application for the development in early 2017.

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