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PROPOSALS SUBMITTED FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF RADIO STATION SITE

Outline planning application submitted for a Sustainable Urban Extension for Rugby

BT and Aviva Investors – working as the Rugby Radio Station Limited Partnership (RRSLP) – have submitted proposals for the redevelopment of part of the Radio Station site.

The Outline Planning Application follows detailed technical studies that have been ongoing since a 'Design Enquiry' event in June 2009 allowed local people and stakeholders to help shape the proposals.

The planning application has been lodged with Rugby Borough Council (RBC) for the redevelopment of the part of the Radio Station site which lies to the west of the A5 and within Rugby Borough. The application is for a Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE) for Rugby and follows detailed technical planning and assessment work carried out together with comprehensive stakeholder and community consultation over many years.

The application includes sustainable housing growth for Rugby together with employment land for jobs and business use, community facilities, areas of green open space (from formal parks to informal open space), and a wide range of supporting infrastructure.

Proposals for the potential re-use and redevelopment of the Radio Station site have been in development since 2003. Changes in technology and the introduction of satellite and fibre communications systems meant an end to the traditional radio mast transmissions which previously took place on the site.

RRSLP's proposals include approximately 6,200 new homes for Rugby together with 31 hectares of land for dedicated employment space, new transport infrastructure, green open space, new schools and a wide range of community services and facilities. It is also proposed that the C Station building should be the centrepiece of a new district centre at the heart of the urban extension. A number of proposals for community and civic use for the listed C Station were put forward at the 2009 'Design Enquiry' and these are being investigated.

A spokesperson for RRSLP said:

“Building a new future for the Radio Station is an exciting opportunity and a significant responsibility. BT has been part of the community in Rugby for many years and, together with Aviva Investors, the partners want to ensure a positive and sustainable future for the Radio Station site. We believe that this application – the result of comprehensive and detailed design work and informed by talking to the community – is an exciting and important opportunity for Rugby. As the town grows, preparing for that growth with a long-term plan for a sustainable extension onto the Radio Station site will deliver important benefits. Not only can the homes be built that Rugby needs but also proper consideration given to the vital infrastructure that is needed to create any genuinely successful place and community.”

RRSLP has submitted its planning application for the SUE to Rugby Borough Council in line with the statutory planning process. The application is now with Rugby Borough Council to process. More details on information events as part of Rugby Borough Council’s statutory review of the planning application will be available shortly.

Subject to a positive planning decision, it is anticipated that the Radio Station SUE site would be developed in phases over a period of at least 15 years.

More information on RRSLP’s vision for the future re-use and redevelopment of the Radio Station site is available at www.RadioStationVision.com

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