

**Update from Mr Paul Davis – Persimmon Homes (lead developer for the Grove Airfield Development dated 19<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

Since my last update we have continued to have monthly meetings of the Development Team with VWHDC and OCC. The main task has been to agree a Planning Performance Agreement, which sets out the process, issues and timetable for preparing, submitting and determining the planning application.

Following the meeting last Friday (Jan 15th) the Agreement is now complete and the final timetable is currently being redrafted with the aim of submitting the application in June 2010.

The process allows for an independent viability assessment of the proposals to test viability against policy compliance. A draft brief for the joint appointment of consultants to deal with this between the developers and the local authorities is nearing completion.

Other important issues the Development Team has dealt with include compiling a schedule of Section 106 requirements from VWHDC and OCC and resolving education requirements

You will be aware we have new consultants (Brookbanks) to deal with highways and drainage. One of the issues which needed resolving on highways concerned whether or not we could access the OCC/Halcrow Traffic Model and that has now been resolved and we are able to use the model. On drainage Brookbanks are currently in discussion with the EA.

Moving forward is now dependent on finalising the master plan. We have carried out a full review of the master plan to take account of external changes (e.g. education provision) and to ensure the proposals are practical and can be implemented on the ground.

However it is important to stress that the principles and much of the detail of the existing master plan will remain. Following a meeting of our consultant team in early February, the next Development Team on the 12th February will principally revolve around a discussion of the updated master plan.

The PPA and timetable allows some flexibility on precisely when pre application public consultation will take place, but currently envisages something in April.

It also commits us to meetings with the Parish Council and the resurrected Development Forum both before the Consultation event, so that you are aware of the proposals we will be consulting on and after the event, so you can see the results and our response to them.