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Dear resident,

I am writing to you as a local Saunderton resident to give you an update on work Wycombe District Council is doing to look more closely at the case for expanding Saunderton village to add new homes and put in local infrastructure and community facilities to support possible growth.

You are probably aware of active planning applications for housing developments at the former Molins site and West Yard. Because Saunderton is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and in Green Belt land we need to think very carefully about what will help and what will harm the village.

I head up an independent group of Councillors, the Task and Finish Group (TFG) and it is my job to review whether or not the Council should progress with detailed research work to explore possible options for the future growth of Saunderton.

The Task and Finish Group will meet with the local Parish Councils and other community groups and will also hold a public meeting on 7 October at 7pm at the Clare Foundation.

This public meeting will be open to all local residents in Saunderton and will enable the TFG to hear your views directly. If you would like to come, it is essential that you book your place by email to saundertonmeeting@wycombe.gov.uk or by calling 01494 421261.

It is important that your views are heard to establish how the Council might move forward.

Information and updates will be on the Council's website at www.wycombe.gov.uk/newlocal plan 'Rural Areas'.

Yours faithfully

John Savage

Cllr John Savage
Chair, Task and Finish Group, Wycombe District Council

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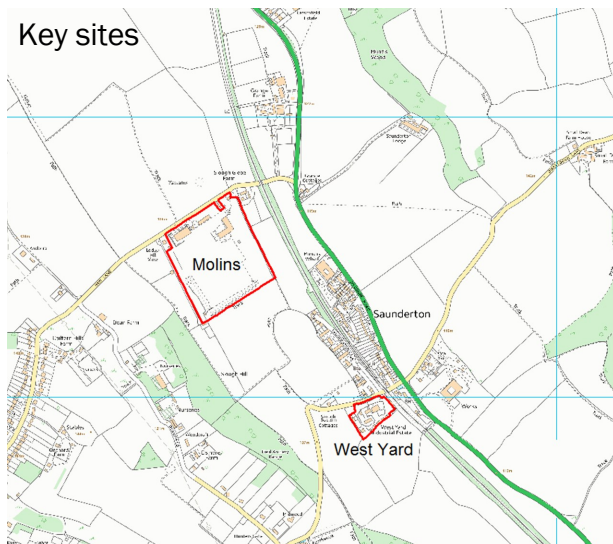
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Public meeting Wed 7 October
7—9pm at The Clare Foundation

Please book your place
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Wycombe District Council has asked an independent group of Councillors to look more closely at the case for expanding Saunderton village.

They are working to listen to local views, gather information and look at weighing up whether or not the Council should explore the option of adding new homes and putting in local infrastructure and community facilities to support possible growth in the village.



The Council has received a planning application for over 200 homes on the old Molins site, but the development site is isolated from the rest of the village.

One option might be to explore making this part of a larger development which would connect the Molins site to the rest of the village and provide new community facilities and make better use of the local railway station.

The Council has already approved an application for the West Yard site for 42 homes including flats and houses, with some affordable homes.

Key questions

Could a more sustainable form of development be achieved at Saunderton by planning for a higher level of development which could bring real benefits for the Community and future generations?

Is there a case for taking land out of the Green Belt and for allowing major development in this part of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)?



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Background

With a national and a local housing shortage, we will need to build more houses each year than we ever have in the past. In order to meet the new housing targets the Council has to look at housing options which it would not have looked at in the past.

It has to balance building new homes with making sure that the right infrastructure is in place to serve current and new residents.

Sometimes smaller piecemeal developments (such as the current proposed developments at Molins and West Yard) are not enough to trigger new infrastructure facilities like schools or changes to transport and roads. Planning for larger growth and considering the options of a larger development could mean the village gets new facilities which will serve the people living there.

Listening

Councillors from Wycombe District Council are meeting with the parish councils and representative groups like the Molins Action Group.

Book your place at the public meeting
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Evaluating

The Task and Finish Group will question planning officers and the Cabinet Member for Planning and Sustainability. This meeting will be open to the public.

Next steps

Wycombe District Council Cabinet reviews the report from Councillors and decides on next steps.

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Wed 7 October
7—9pm
Clare Foundation
Saunderton

Thursday 22 October
7-8pm
Council Chamber
Wycombe District
Council

26 October
7pm
Council Chamber