

Daedalus Phase 4 Visionary Framework Consultation

Summary
March 2009

On the 5 and 6 December 2008, an exhibition was held at the Lee-on-the-Solent Methodist Church Hall to promote the Visionary Framework for Daedalus. Attendees had the opportunity to speak with members of the Project Team as well as make comments on a 3D computer model or complete a Comment Form. The Comment Form asked people to identify what they thought the strengths, weaknesses, concerns and opportunities of the Framework are as well as inviting other comments. In total, approximately 750 attended the event and 165 Comment Forms were completed and returned to the Project Team. Other comments were also received after the Exhibition by email and in writing from individuals and local resident groups.

The boxes below summarise the key points raised about the Visionary Framework - details of specific comments have not been included within this summary document. For more information about the exhibition, the Visionary Framework and full details of the range of responses given, please refer to the Phase 4 Consultation Report.

Summary box—Strengths

A number of positive comments were made about the Visionary Framework - both on the Comment Forms and directly to Project Team members. The key strengths identified were:

- Development of employment uses.
- Potential opportunities to develop aviation and marine uses. There was also some support for a marina.
- Provision of sport and leisure facilities.
- Bringing a currently under-used site back into use.
- The opportunity to view and comment on emerging proposals for the site.

Summary box—Weaknesses

Feedback on weaknesses within the Visionary Framework was generally in line with those identified in previous phases of consultation. The key weaknesses were:

- Lack of detail about how effect of development on existing congestion, ability of the current road system to cope with added traffic and public transport provision will be improved.
- Lack of detail about the number of new houses and addressing the explicit link between this and increased traffic.
- Lack of detail about the impact of development on other existing local infrastructure including schools, hospitals and GP surgeries.
- How the marina may negatively impact on the area.
- Development on the Manor Way site - a number of attendees expressed a wish for this to remain as open space.

Summary box—Concerns

Comments related to concerns were very similar to those highlighted under weaknesses. The most common concerns were:

- The effect of development, including the impact of additional jobs, on existing road networks.
- The development of additional housing and the effect of this on transport infrastructure.
- How existing local services, including schools, medical facilities and water supplies, will cope with the additional pressure.
- The impact of a marina on the local area.
- How the current financial climate will impact on development.
- Inadequate leisure provision included within the proposals.
- The heritage of the site will not be preserved.

Summary box—Opportunities

A lot of attendees recognised the potential that Daedalus has. The most common opportunities related to:

- Development of employment - specifically those within the marine and aviation sectors.
- Development of the site - specifically the airfield and the slipway which offer potential to develop aviation and marine uses both commercially and for recreational purposes.
- To bring forward a new hotel and leisure facilities.
- To make improvements to the local road network and public transport provision.
- To create new, accessible open spaces.

Summary box—Other Comments

The Other Comments section was subject to a wide range of responses. Some respondents repeated comments made in relation to earlier sections. Key themes which feedback related to included:

- Re-emphasis of the need to make improvements to the local transport network and public transport provision.
- Re-emphasis of opinions associated with a potential marina - which were mixed as some strongly supported, whilst others opposed this use.
- Statements in support of a hotel as well as development of leisure facilities and open space.
- Appreciation at having the opportunity to comment on the emerging Visionary Framework.

Summary

The feedback on the Visionary Framework by the community suggests that generally, there is support for an employment led scheme with an aviation and marine focus; the continuation of general aviation at the site; and for the provision of leisure facilities on site.

However, there continues to be general concern about the potential impact of development—especially housing—on existing infrastructure within the local area, particularly on the transport routes to the M27, as well as on schools and medical facilities.

A potential marina proved to be the most divisive issue. Whilst a number of people saw it as a good opportunity for Lee-on-the-Solent, there were also a lot of responses which expressed concern about the implications for traffic and the effect it may have on the marine environment.