

Press Statement - 17 December 2014

Proposals for the redevelopment of the Weyburn Works, Shackleford Road, Elstead

ALMOST 200 PEOPLE took part in a consultation event at the United Reformed Church, Elstead on Wednesday last week when leading house builder, Linden Homes, exhibited its initial plans for a high quality residential redevelopment of the old Weyburn Works/Federal Mogul site on Shackleford Road.

At the event, residents and their locally-elected representatives came to view and comment on the proposals. Furthermore, members of the project team were on hand all day to answer questions.

Peter Youll, regional Managing Director for Linden Homes, said:

"The turnout for this event was extremely good and it served as an excellent opportunity to meet, and understand the views of local residents. I want to thank all those who took the time to attend and I hope that it proved useful to them.

"The Weyburn Works factory site has been vacant for a number of years. Given the need for more homes in the borough, our proposals would not only provide a new future for this site but would also help meet the future housing needs of the local population, including the delivery of affordable homes

He added:

"I'm encouraged by the level of feedback we have received which will help us to develop our proposals. In the coming weeks, the project team will continue to work with residents and councillors to discuss their concerns and ideas. Linden Homes has a strong commitment to working closely with communities: we will now review the feedback we have received and look to incorporate it into our developing plans, where possible and appropriate."

If anyone would like more information on the event or on Linden Homes' proposals, they should call the project's dedicated freephone information line on **0800 298 7040** or visit the project website at www.lindenhomes.co.uk/community/elstead



Notes to Editors

The proposed development is situated on the now derelict Weyburn Works/Federal Mogul site off Shackleford Road, Elstead.

Approximately 74 homes are proposed for the site, comprising two, three and four bed houses as well as two bedroom apartments.

Affordable housing will be provided on site.

The site covers 37 acres but it is estimated that less than a quarter of the site is suitable for development. Weyburn Works is also a brownfield site from its previous use as a factory, and would therefore not require any greenfield land to be built on as part of the current plans.

A large area of public open space known as SANGS (Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space) is also included within the proposed plans. This would be available to the public for walking and other recreational purposes.