

# The Talbot Project



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## Planning for the future

# Your feedback will help shape our final proposals

Welcome to our latest e-bulletin, updating you on the recent consultation on the draft 20-year vision for the Talbot village area of Poole.

Called a draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), this document will direct the future development of the Talbot area that falls within Poole - from the aspirations of our two universities to protecting the internationally important area of Talbot Heath. The SPD sets out plans that will help boost the economy, improve transport infrastructure and mitigate the impact of future development on those who live and work here.

The consultation has now closed and the feedback we've received is helping to shape our final proposals.



**An artist's impression of what the Digital Village could look like**

## Cllr Ian Potter, Cabinet member for planning, transportation and regeneration

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has taken the time to read our draft plans and have their say.



More than 300 people attended our public exhibition and we have also received more than 150 responses.

If it is adopted, the SPD will provide a direction for the long-term development of the area, which falls within Poole's boundaries.

It provides a vision, which is about realising the economic potential of the Talbot area. The universities alone contribute £250m each year to the local economy, supporting more than 3,000 jobs – and Poole and Bournemouth is the UK's fastest growing digital economy.

Our SPD also sets out how we will create an academic employment centre of excellence, cater for a protected wildlife haven, provide new recreational spaces and introduce transport mitigation measures.

It offers further protection to the heath, including new buffer areas of public open space. We will work with Natural England to carefully manage and protect the heath for future generations.

A lot of the feedback we received was around impact on traffic and we are undertaking further work on a transport solution for the area.

## Plans for Talbot – what you said

- Many people agreed that the Talbot Project will deliver improved education facilities and support both universities.

- A large number of people agreed the creation of employment space would enable new business opportunities, but some were concerned over the proximity of the Digital Village to homes, whether the employment area would be for digital companies only and the impact on roads and parking.

- There were concerns about the impact of the Talbot Project on the heathland and are seeking reassurances.

- A large number of people disagreed that the SPD proposals would bring about improvements to the local transport

infrastructure.

- Many supported a new bus interchange within the university campus.

### **Our reassurances to you:**

- The Digital Village will be an office environment only and will not contain warehousing or manufacturing. Buildings will be located a minimum of 15m from existing garden boundaries. A screen of native tree planting will reduce visual impact.

- There will be no development on the heath. The SPD proposes enhanced protection of the heath, including new buffer areas of public open space and management arrangements to secure improved condition of the heathland.

- We are undertaking

further work to refine, and conclude, the most appropriate transport solution for the area, including a fourth arm off the Boundary Roundabout.

### **What happens next**

- A final draft SPD and officer recommendations will be presented to the Borough of Poole's Overview and Scrutiny Committee in November or early December.

- The report and final draft will go to a meeting of the Full Council on December 15th for adoption.

- If adopted, the SPD will be a policy framework which sets out the principles for development for the Talbot village area of Poole. All future planning applications will have to meet the policies of the SPD.