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ST. MODWEN TO CONSULT ON REFINED PROPOSALS FOR ITS TWO THIRDS PORTION OF ECO TOWN SITE

In a completely separate exercise to the proposed 600 acre Eco Town at Middle Quinton, St. Modwen Properties PLC has initiated further consultation on refined development proposals for its 478 acre portion of the site at Long Marston. Details of the proposals were presented to members of Stratford District Council on Monday night (6 October 2008).

St. Modwen acquired the 478 acre site in 2004 and after working up development proposals with Stratford District Council, publicly consulted on four redevelopment options for the site last October. The developer has since been working to an agreed timetable with Stratford District Council Officers has reduced the four development options to two. These two will be further refined in due course to produce a final Masterplan for the site.

John Dodds, regional director, St. Modwen says:

“St Modwen’s proportion of the brownfield site at the Long Marston Estate (478 acres) has long been earmarked for redevelopment. For the past two years we have been consulting the public and working closely with Stratford District Council to identify a suitable use for the site and will continue to do so, separate from the Eco Town project.

“The Middle Quinton Eco town proposals have been compiled in response to a Government initiative that saw us join with the Bird Group in October 2007 to deliver a larger site that would accommodate the proposed Middle Quinton Eco Town. This has always been a distinct and separate exercise from our ongoing work with Stratford District Council.

“Even throughout the Eco Town process, St Modwen has continued to liaise with Stratford District Council about the alternative uses for our 478 acre site. For the past 12 months we have been looking at the feedback received from the initial consultation last year, have gathered further evidence and have narrowed the initial four development options to two. We will now present these to the local community for comment on 15 and 18 October at Lower Quinton and Long Marston, respectively.”

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The two refined proposals comprise two suggested scenarios, one being largely residential-led mixed use scheme of up to 2,200 homes and the other a leisure-based scheme of a holiday village and up to 500 homes.

The ongoing dialogue with Stratford District Council about these refined proposals in no way diminishes or detracts from our involvement with the Bird Group on the Eco town project. Both projects will continue to run independently but in parallel, as required by the local authority and government.

EDITORS NOTE: Please contact Charlotte McCarthy at St. Modwen to discuss the distinction between the Middle Quinton Eco Town project and the refined proposals presented to Stratford District Council for the St. Modwen-owned land at the Long Marston site.

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