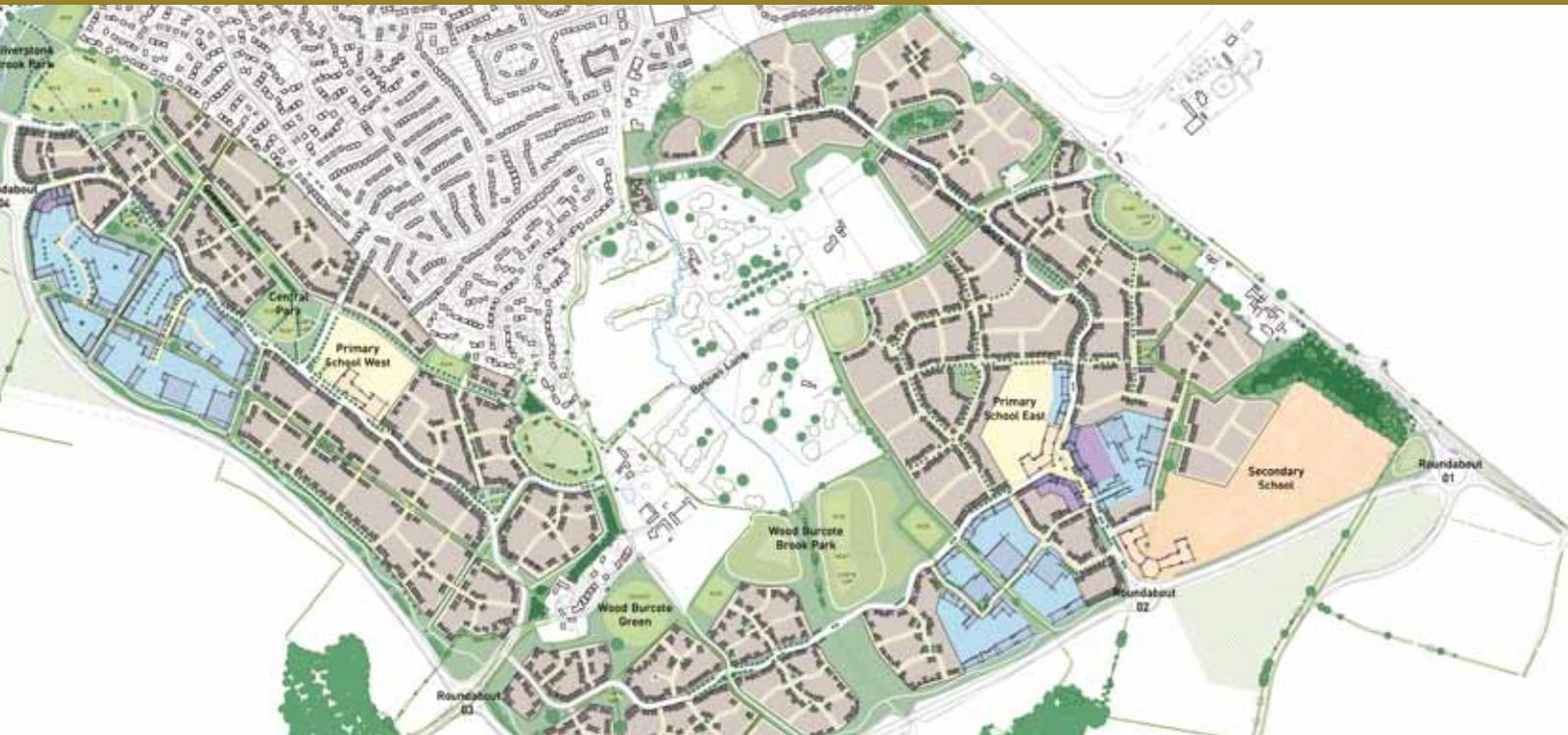


# Towcester Southern Extension Newsletter

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**Welcome to our newsletter. You may already be aware of the proposed Towcester Southern Extension; we first consulted on these proposals back in 2007. Since then, we – Persimmon Homes and Bloor Homes – have made a number of changes to the plans, based on the comments and feedback we received from local residents, businesses, statutory consultees and the local Councils. This newsletter summarises these changes, and advises how you can let us know what you think about them.**

## **What is the Towcester Southern Extension Update?**

The Towcester Southern Extension has been planned for many years as part of the strategy for controlled expansion of the town. It will bring new housing to Towcester, which is crucial to sustaining the future growth of the town and will be fully integrated with the existing urban area. This will ensure that the town remains a high quality location in which to live, work, invest and visit.

The development has been specifically designed to deliver the completion of a much-needed relief road, which will help to reduce congestion in the town, improve air quality, and facilitate improvement of the town centre.

## **In addition, the proposals include:**

- Three new sites for schools (one secondary, two primary)
- Employment space capable of generating up to 2,750 jobs
- Public open spaces and community facilities

## What has changed since 2007?

- Reduced number of houses – now 2,750, previously 3,000 – so lowering the density of development across the site and allowing for more flexibility of design
- An additional primary school site
- Additional integration and linkages to town
- Modification to relief road and alternative possible junction with A43

## What else do the plans include?

The Towcester Southern Extension proposals facilitate the provision of three new schools for the town – one secondary and two primary. The primary school sites have been located so they are within 800m walking distance of all homes. The secondary school site is located to the east of the site, with easy access to the A5 to reduce traffic flow through existing residential areas. The school fields will be dual use so the local community will also have controlled access to them.

The proposals feature 15.4 hectares of employment space towards the main gateways of the site at the west and the east, where it will have good access to the A43 and A5 respectively. These locations are capable of generating some 2,750 new jobs from a range of sectors such as office, industrial and warehousing, retail, and hospitality.

Significant areas of green space and community facilities also feature in the plans, all aimed at creating a development which meets local needs and is well connected with the existing town.



What the local centre could look like



Relief road link to the A43

## Delivering a relief road for Towcester

The increasing level of traffic and congestion in Towcester has frustrated residents and traders for many years.

The Towcester Southern Extension proposals facilitate the delivery of a relief road for the town, which will bypass the A5 through the town centre and link up to the A43 south of Towcester. The new road will help to reduce non Towcester related traffic passing through the town centre, particularly heavy goods vehicles, thereby improving air quality in the town. Improvements to the Tove and Abthorpe roundabouts on the A43 are also included.

## Get in touch

We're really keen to hear your thoughts about the Towcester Southern Extension Update and would be happy to answer any questions you have. You can contact our Consultation Officer, Rachel Ashby, using the following details:

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