

Press Release

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Exciting new vision for Ingol

Development plans for Ingol have now been finalised revealing new access for the public into 124 acres of private land to create what will be Preston's largest area of publicly accessible open land.

Northern Trust has submitted proposals as part of their new planning application which reveals a high quality, eco friendly development of around 540 dwellings set within the grounds of the former Ingol golf club. These plans will reduce pressure for development on the surrounding greenbelt and open countryside and deliver a wide range of much needed family homes.

After carrying out an extensive consultation exercise with members of the public, councillors and statutory bodies such as Preston City Council, Lancashire County Council and Sport England, the following recommendations have been put forward as part of the revised development proposals for the site:

- The opening of public access into previously restricted, aesthetically sensitive landscape; representing 75% of the whole site
- An 18% reduction in the number of homes originally discussed at the public consultation
- Retention and enhancement of all the natural dense woodland
- Natural green buffers retained between existing and new development
- Enhancement and improvement of footpaths to follow the open landscape areas
- Construction of cycle routes as part of the Guild Wheel and an extension towards the city centre
- Ecological improvements including an increased number of new ponds to support wildlife habitats
- Improvements to current infrastructure including highways / drainage / public transport services
- Financial Contributions and/or land towards local sport and Community projects.

A spokesperson for Northern Trust said: "This proposal would bring back into use a redundant site, providing new homes in an existing residential area, without imposing upon the greenbelt or other open countryside. It represents a good balance in meeting local housing needs, preserving important wildlife habitats and providing publicly accessible open space. The community will benefit from open access to the majority of the site for recreational purposes, which it has wanted, but not previously had.

"We felt it was important to set out a series of general guidelines for the regeneration of the site and thus have produced this masterplan to ensure future development is undertaken as part of an agreed framework.

"We are still interested in hearing how residents would like the existing clubhouse site to be used to benefit the community, be it as a sports facility, social hub, meeting place or youth club."

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Images:

1. Masterplan
2. Artists impression 1
3. Artists impression 2

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