

Appendix H-Mid Suffolk

MSDC Former HQ comments:

- Building costs did not include the value of the site

Response: - Site has not been included within the viability

- Pleased that the site will be built to the highest environmental standards and hopes that lessons can be learnt from this particular site that could be carried forward onto further sites.
- Welcomed electric for cars and urged to push on with scheme as soon as possible
- The number of car parking spaces

Response: - will be policy compliant

- Will there be any control of the sustainability of the retail unit

Response: - The council will work with the tenant to ensure the unit is as energy efficient as possible.

- No room for wardrobes?

Response: - These will be added to the drawings when they go to planning

- Was any consideration taken to provide supported housing for people over 55?

Response: - This was considered during the viability phase of the programme but it was found that there was no external interest to support this type of provision. The site will be designed to accommodate all ages but will not be designated specifically for supported living.

- Is there any evidence to show that families are happy living in the 3 storey type provision?

Response: - The site offers a mix of types of housing and does not only provide housing over 3 floors. 3 floor accommodation is a normal provision on the open market locally and nationally.

- If this is an exemplar scheme are we going to be able to show and measure the environmental impact?

Response: - The exemplar design and sustainable energy provision will be measured and recorded to highlight the benefits the site have on the environment and the residents.

- Why radiators and no under floor heating.

Response: - The final design has not been agreed. Underfloor heating will be considered where viable and suitable.

- Welcome the sustainability but asked that battery storage be taken into account as only a proportion of the properties exemplar. Are you going to offer buyers the opportunity to add features for this?

Response: - All future residents will be offered the options and the properties that do not have these provisions as standard will be made to easily retrofit future opportunities.