

For immediate release Date: 7 December 2017 Tresham Garden Village project secures £275k funding

A project to develop the old Deenethorpe Airfield site into a garden village has received a £275k funding boost from the Government.

This is the second year of capacity funding since Tresham (previously referred to as Deenethorpe Airfield Garden Village) was selected as one of 14 garden village projects that the Government is supporting through capacity funding and assistance from the Homes and Communities Agency. This support is helping East Northamptonshire Council and the North Northamptonshire Joint Planning and Delivery Unit to work with the landowner in preparing a detailed masterplan and delivery strategy.

Andrew Longley, Head of the North Northamptonshire Joint Planning and Delivery Unit, explains the benefit of the funding to the development of the project:

"This funding will pay for extra staff capacity, specialist advice including design and viability, community engagement, and various studies. It is allowing us to work with the landowner to prepare a masterplan which will give a broad overview of what will go where including housing, employment, schools, green space etc. as well as basic details on access and movement across the site, and how the site will connect with the wider area. The masterplan will go out for consultation early in the New Year so people can give their views on the proposals. If it is agreed by the Council, it will provide the basis for a planning application later in 2018."

Steven North, Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, said: "This funding is a strong endorsement of our work so far on Tresham. It will help us to ensure that the Garden Village proposal is of the highest possible standard of design and sustainability, with the mix of housing, employment and community facilities needed to develop a new high-quality community, not just new housing estates."

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Editor's notes

Overall, the Council has secured £503,570 of Government funding for the project.

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