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Middle Quinton ECO-town MEDIA INFORMATION

WEST MIDLANDS RSS LEAVES DOOR OPEN FOR PROPOSED MIDDLE QUINTON ECO TOWN

Peter Rudd, development surveyor, St. Modwen says:

"The RSS report does not rule out the proposed Middle Quinton Eco Town as a possible solution to the increased housing figures for the Stratford district. The decision now rests with the Department for Communities and Local Government as to whether the development is included in the Government's next wave of shortlisted Eco-towns.

"In parallel to and completely separate from the Middle Quinton proposals, St. Modwen has recently submitted a planning application for the Long Marston Masterplan which is wholly situated on St. Modwen owned land. The report also identifies this proposed leisure-led, mixed use scheme which includes 500 dwellings, as a means for contributing towards the district's increased housing needs.

"We look forward to the Government's decision on Middle Quinton in due course. Mindful that the deadlines for the Masterplan are real and fixed, we remain focussed on securing planning permission for the leisure-led scheme on which a decision is due from the Council in October."

Tony Bird OBE, chairman of the Bird Group of Companies comments:

"The RSS report is inconclusive about Middle Quinton but it does not alter our view that the final decision is a matter that would be decided by the local planning process, if the scheme is eventually selected by Government. The report identifies the need for 7,500 new homes throughout Stratford-upon-Avon by 2021 and recognises this may have to

increase to as many as 10,500 by 2026. Ultimately, whichever Government is in power, there will be a major housing need and difficult decisions to make about where to locate new homes in the district."

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