

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO COTTINGHAM AND MIDDLETON RESIDENTS FROM COTTINGHAM AND MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCILS

Dear resident,

Proposed development of 60 to 70 houses on land at Cottingham / Middleton parish boundary (at rear of Cottingham Hall)

You may have received an invitation from the developer's consultants, Peter Brett Associates, to attend an exhibition to view the proposals for this development.

The exhibition is to be held at Cottingham Methodist Hall, Corby Road, Cottingham on **Wednesday 9 October from 3.30pm to 7.30pm.**

Although at an early stage, with no planning application having yet been filed for this development, this exhibition forms part of the PUBLIC CONSULTATIVE PROCESS by the developer, and as such is a very important stage in the overall planning process. As a local resident, it is vital that you are involved in this consultation and fully understand how a development of up to 70 new houses will affect future life in our community. If you do not express your views on the proposal, be they for or against, there is a danger that this may be interpreted as apathy or even tacit approval, which may influence planning decisions.

From experience we suggest it is important to be aware of surveys and questionnaires seeking your views on a development proposal. Understandably, developers will want a positive reaction to their proposals, and questionnaires can be structured in such a way (often using tick boxes) to produce results biased in favour of their proposal. This may not be the case here, but if you prefer, you do not have to complete anyone's questionnaire to express your views, you can simply put them in writing by letter or email.

As mentioned above, this proposal is at an early stage, but it will probably proceed quickly, and it is not too early for you to become involved, and express your views to the developer and your local councillors.

After considering the details of the proposal, Cottingham and Middleton Parish Councils jointly intend to hold a public meeting on this issue in the near future, but in the meantime you are urged to go along to the developer's consultation exhibition, and become engaged in the process.

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