

Media release – 17<sup>th</sup> January 2012

**Peterborough Garden Park public consultation closes with overwhelming support from Parnwell residents**

The public consultation on plans for an extension to Peterborough Garden Park closed on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January. Originally due to end on 7<sup>th</sup> December, the consultation was extended to incorporate additional local meetings.

The final public event attended by staff from Peterborough Garden Park as part of the consultation was the Parnwell Residents' Association meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> January, where all attendees voted in favour of the proposed £15 million extension to the retail park.

Chair of Parnwell Residents' Association Pam Chelmiah was pleased that so many local people attended the meeting saying, "The fact that Peterborough Garden Park extended the consultation to incorporate our resident meeting shows how keen they are to get as many local views as possible. The presentation from Chairman of the Garden Park, Gordon Edington, was very well received and the final vote was overwhelmingly in favour of a supermarket to be built at the Park along with the Skills Centre and the brilliant ideas for youth training. We are happy to work with the Garden Park so that the eastern side of Peterborough can have a vibrant future and greater footfall for all businesses."

A total of 186 consultation surveys have been submitted by local people providing feedback and suggestions on the Garden Park's proposal. The surveys are now being analysed in advance of the submission of the planning application.

Gordon Edington, Chairman of Peterborough Garden Park comments, "I'd like to thank everyone who has taken the time to give us feedback as part of the public consultation. The local views are helping to shape the final plan to ensure that our proposal benefits the city and its residents."

For more information on the proposals visit - [www.peterboroughgardenpark.co.uk/consultation](http://www.peterboroughgardenpark.co.uk/consultation)

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**Peterborough Garden Park** opened in spring in spring 2010 - a £20 million investment in the future of Peterborough. Since then the Garden Park has quickly established itself as not only a popular and important retail centre, but also as a key contributor to the economic and visitor offer of the city. It won the BCSC national award for Best Out of Town Retail Park in 2010.



At the heart of the Garden Park is a commitment to the surrounding local communities and to the overall environmental agenda of Peterborough. Throughout construction and since opening PGP has worked closely with local schools and with organisations such as Peterborough Environment City Trust and City College Peterborough to ensure clear links with the local agenda and supporting local people.

The public consultation for the extension to Peterborough Garden Park began on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2011 and closed on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January. Results are now being analysed in advance of the submission of the planning application.

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