

Northwest & West Community Forum – March 2022

Unanswered Questions

Darwin Green 1

Q: When will the primary school open?

A: A consultation on the timing for opening the new school and selecting the Academy Trust who will run the school will be launched in the summer term. This will consult on the potential for opening the school and running the formal sponsor selection process for a September 2024 opening.

National Institute of Botanical Agriculture (NIAB)

Q: How many parking spaces per dwelling?

A: Based on evidence in the submitted Transport Statement we do not expect every residential property to own/have access to a car. The car parking onsite will therefore be shared between them and allocated by the management company on a case-by-case basis. For the Build to Rent accommodation on average there will be 0.38 spaces per dwelling (110 car parking spaces for the proposed 291 units). For the Apart hotel there will be 28 spaces and 4 other spaces for staff. There will also be provision onsite for two car club spaces which residents can rent/hire cars.

Q: Would there be more electric car charging station and car park?

A: In total there will be 108 EV charging points across the allocated car parking spaces.

Eddington

Q: The previous planning application for S1/S2 didn't have a satisfactory plan for water provision, drainage, etc. Has this been addressed yet?

A: A detailed drainage/flood risk strategy and plans have been lodged with the application. Whilst an objection has been recorded by the LLFA as a consultee asking some specific questions around the proposed strategy, the applicant has sought to address these queries in a follow up note and are confident that the drainage strategy is sound. We are awaiting confirmation from the LLFA that they are content with this follow-up information.

General question

Q: I am yet to see much information on active transport links between these new developments and Girton. Could any of the panel comment on this?

A: Active Travel links through the site and also to Girton have been considered in the context of the Darwin 1 development. Currently there is a right of way linking into Thornton Close which provides such a link. Further points of access from the site to Thornton Way and Wellbrook Way (which will require 3rd party landowner consent) are also being investigated.