

We hope that you will give us your ideas and suggestions to help write the next chapter for the Marston Vale.



Join us at one of our public exhibitions:

Monday 19 February	Friday 23 February	Monday 26 February	Wednesday 28 February
Marston Moretaine Sports Pavilion	Lidlington Village Hall	Brogborough Village Hall	Millbrook Village Hall

Drop in any time between 2.30pm and 8.30pm.

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## MARSTON VALLEY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### Marston Valley – have your say

O&H Properties Ltd is sending you this newsletter to tell you about its emerging proposals to create a series of new villages and public open spaces within the Marston Vale over the next 20 years.

You can have your say on these ideas and put forward your suggestions by:

- Responding to the questionnaire on the website – [www.marstonvalley.co.uk](http://www.marstonvalley.co.uk)
- Sending an email to [hello@marstonvalley.co.uk](mailto:hello@marstonvalley.co.uk)
- Coming to a local exhibition (see details on back page)

This stage of opportunity to comment on the Marston Valley plans will run until **Friday 2 March**.



There will also be ongoing engagement with the local community continuing over the longer term.

You can register on the website to give us your views, ask a question or submit new ideas for Marston Valley. Head over to [www.marstonvalley.co.uk](http://www.marstonvalley.co.uk) today and find out more.



## New homes



Marston Valley will deliver up to 5,000 homes, built over the next 20 years, in a series of linked villages separated from each other and existing settlements by extensive parkland.

There will be opportunities for waterside living as well as properties in village centres. The variety of homes will reflect local need and will include a mix of house types including affordable homes, accommodation for older people, starter homes and self-build plots.

Only about a quarter of the site will be developed for housing: homes will be situated among public open spaces and community facilities. Marston Valley will meet local housing needs. We welcome your views on what type of housing you think is most needed.

## Waterway network

A new navigable section of Bedford and Milton Keynes Waterway Park linking Brogborough and Stewartby Lakes will be created as part of the proposals. This will provide access throughout the scheme for a variety of boats as well as a place for walking, cycling and generally enjoying the natural surroundings.

We welcome your views on what you would enjoy in and around the waterway park.



## Shops and amenities

Marston Valley will provide new local facilities and amenities throughout the scheme. Each village will contain local scale shops, restaurants, cafés and other community and leisure uses and will complement what is already provided in nearby villages. We expect the villages will provide new health facilities, dentists, village halls, nurseries and crèches.

We welcome your views on what new facilities you would like to see in the Vale.

## Employment

Marston Valley will provide substantial new employment opportunities in three main forms – up to 30 hectares of employment land, small scale employment opportunities within the community hubs and job opportunities from the other uses including the schools, hotels, and shops.

We are keen to hear the views of local employers about what sorts of premises you're looking for over the next 20 years to grow your businesses – take part in the discussions.



## Lakes

The lakes are one of the Marston Vale's defining assets. These beautiful and valuable features provide a perfect setting for creating special places at Marston Valley.

Brogborough Lake is already home to a windsurfing club. We think it could be used by others too. Recreation-based activities and leisure facilities will be

concentrated on one shore, while the wider lake, including the north-western shore, will prioritise nature conservation. Lidlington Pit is more secluded and will retain its natural and quiet character. The lake will serve primarily for nature conservation, where the focus will be on retaining and enhancing habitats, as well as a limited number of waterside homes.

Marston Valley will provide opportunities to open up access to the lakes and enable people to live, work and play while enjoying waterside views. Let us know what you think.



This is just a snapshot of the ideas so far – head over to [www.marstonvalley.co.uk](http://www.marstonvalley.co.uk) to find out more on:

- Public transport improvements
- Changes to the C94 and road junctions
- Leisure and sports facilities
- Children's play areas
- Schools and childcare facilities
- Healthcare facilities
- New public open spaces including allotments and orchards
- Nature conservation areas and wildlife protection
- More woodland planting
- Protection for heritage features

