



Friday May 23 2008

A Public Exhibition showing the proposals for the Development of Essex County Cricket Club's Ford County Ground will take place in the Pavilion at the Club's Chelmsford headquarters next week.

Starting on Tuesday May 27 with a private viewing for Essex CCC members and invited media, a showing to the general public will then follow on Wednesday May 28 and Thursday May 29.

Essex CCC is aiming to play one more season at The Ford County Ground in 2009 before re-locating for a year in 2010, moving back to a re-developed site in New Writtle Street for the 2011 campaign.

In collaboration with Ground Development Partners MCD Developments, a planning application to Chelmsford Borough Council is intended to be made in June. The project involves the regeneration of the site to provide new and exciting cricket facilities for the Club. In addition there will be significant residential development, a multi-storey car park, together with a new river bridge and entrance piazza.

Essex CCC Chief Executive David East said:

"We have been working on this project for several years and have now got to the exciting stage of the planning application. The co-operation we have received from Chelmsford Borough Council has been exceptional, and we hope that in partnership with them and our developers, MCD, we can create a vibrant new home for Essex County Cricket Club of which the whole region can be proud."

Jennifer Price, MCD Developments' Development Executive for the scheme at Essex County Cricket Club said:

"After an extensive consultation process and fine-tuning of plans with Essex County Cricket Club and Chelmsford Borough Council, we are now delighted to be at the stage where we can present our proposals to the general public and gain comments and feedback. MCD take public consultation very seriously as we firmly believe that the success of any regeneration scheme such as this can only be assured if the local community are provided the opportunity to input to the designs.

"As a leading regeneration specialist we are extremely excited to be playing a major role in assisting Essex County Cricket Club deliver a first-class sporting and leisure facility to benefit and be enjoyed by the local community, whilst also creating a top new destination for Chelmsford, with a vibrant new mixed-use scheme where people will want to both live and play."

PUBLIC EXHIBITION TIMINGS

Private viewing for Members of Essex County Cricket Club:

Tuesday May 27 from 12pm to 6.30pm

Open to the General Public:

Wednesday May 28 from 9am to 8pm

Thursday May 29 from 9am to 4pm

(All viewings will take place in the Pavilion at The Ford County Ground, Chelmsford)