## PROPOSALS FOR THE FORMER FRIENDS' SCHOOL, SAFFRON WALDEN

**MARCH 2022** 



Chase New Homes will shortly submit a planning application for 96 new homes on the site of the former Friends' School, Saffron Walden. This will be through a mix of new homes and the conversion and retention of existing buildings.

As you may recall, Chase New Homes is proposing conversion and redevelopment of the former school buildings to residential use. The buildings are in major need of repair or in some cases, such as the outbuildings, will need to be removed altogether.

They have been designed to include a mixture of house and apartment sizes, ranging from 1-4 bedroom properties. This range of house types are suitable for those getting onto the housing ladder, families looking for a larger home or those looking to downsize but remain in the local area.

Following the consultation exercise undertaken with local residents in May and June 2021, the feedback received was reviewed and helped to influence the final design and layout. Thank you again for all of the comments submitted as part of this process.

Details of the changes made to the plans since the consultation can be found inside this newsletter.

If you have any further questions, please get in touch with us using the contact details on the back page.

#### OUR PROPOSALS INCLUDE:



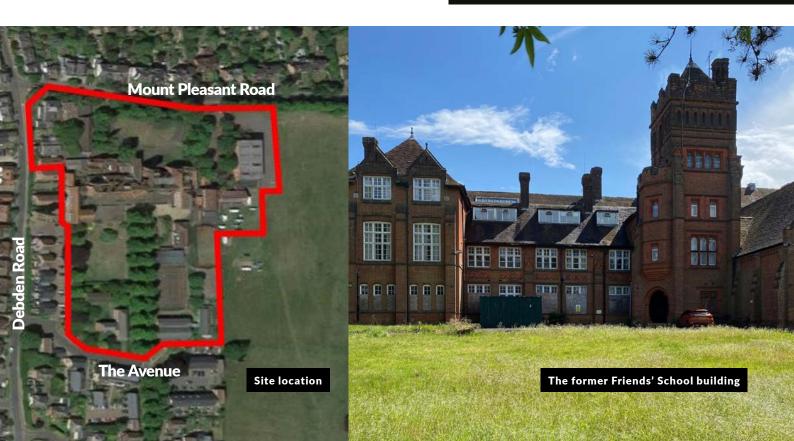
96 new high-quality homes

Much-needed investment to repair the former school building

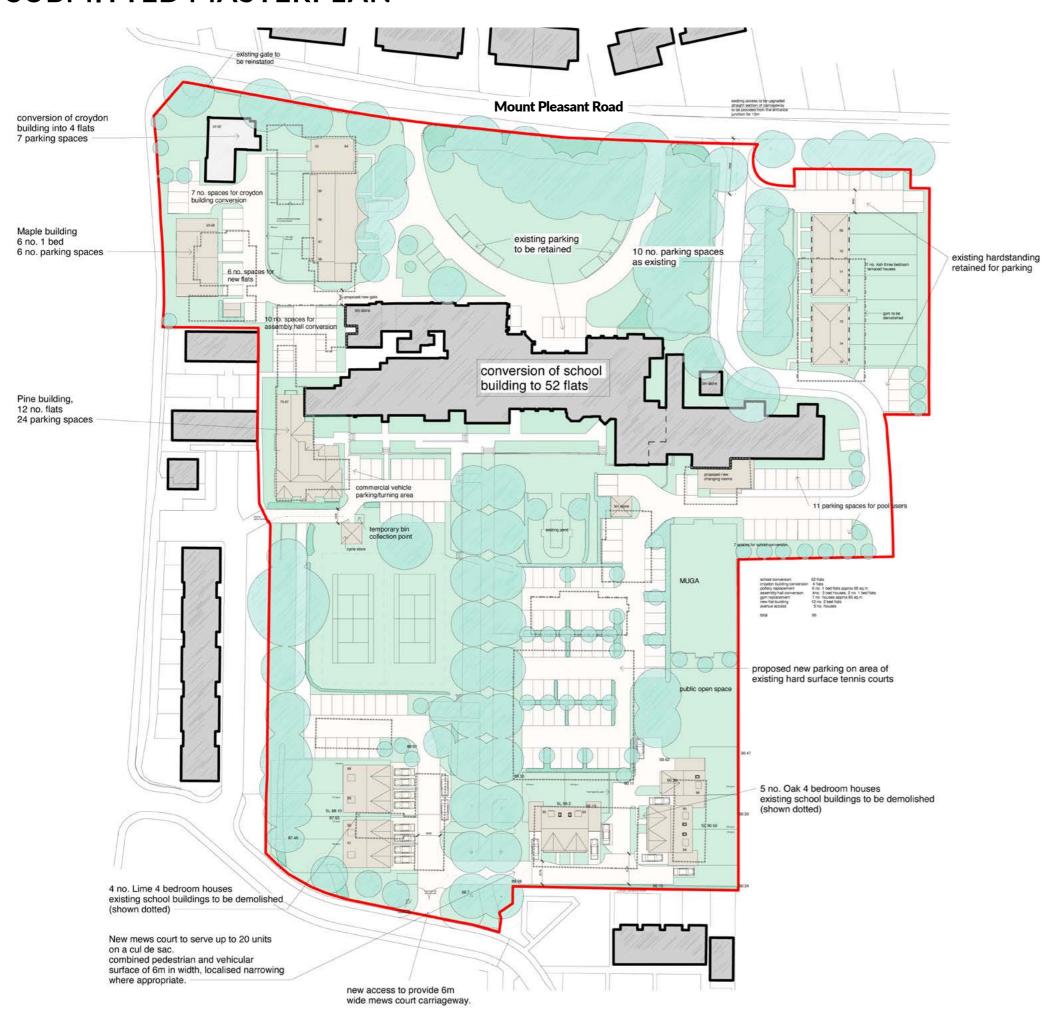
> A mix of 1.2.3.& 4 bedroom houses and apartments, including the conversion and retention of existing buildings

Sporting and recreational facilities including tennis and basketball courts

Retention of trees along boundary and in the site where possible



## SUBMITTED MASTERPLAN



# DESIGN CHANGES SINCE THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION

- We will be retaining the assembly building at the front of the site. This will be converted into four new houses rather than the previous plan to create a mews development at this location.
- The music block attached to the assembly hall will be replaced with two single-storey homes.
- Behind the assembly hall, a small apartment block of six apartment will be built in a style that matches the neighbouring homes along Debden Road.
- The gym building will now be removed. This will allow improved views of the school building as well as enhance the appearance of the conservation area.
- In place of the gym building, low-level two-storey homes will be built. These will have shallow-pitched roofs to help frame the central green crescent and the views of the overall school buildings.
- Parking to the rear of the school building has been moved further south onto the former hard-surface tennis courts to allow the existing pond to be retained as well as further landscaping to the rear of the main school building.
- The proposed houses and apartment block to the south of the site have been re-designed from a traditional style to that of a modern design, with inspiration taken from The Avenue.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**



#### **ABOUT CHASE NEW HOMES**

Based in Welwyn Garden City, Chase New Homes is an independent property development company that has successfully been delivering new homes since 2005.

The company has grown exponentially in the last decade with an extensive portfolio of developments, conversions and large-scale apartment schemes. Strong design and quality finishes can be seen in all Chase properties.

As an independent company our reputation is key. When building homes, we strive for an exceptional service. This philosophy has created a strong brand among Chase customers and partners over the years.

### **NEXT STEPS**

Following the recent announcement regarding planning in Uttlesford, we will shortly be submitting our planning application directly to the Secretary of State.

Local consultees will be involved in the process in the usual way.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact us using the details on the right-hand side.

We will continue to keep local residents updated throughout the process.



## **ANY QUESTIONS?**

If you have any questions, please get in touch using the following methods:



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