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Curborough Consortium

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CURBOROUGH WITHDRAWS ECO-TOWN BID

The Curborough Consortium has today announced that it has withdrawn its eco-town bid.

The announcement follows talks between the Curborough Consortium and DCLG last week.

A spokesperson on behalf of the Curborough Consortium, said “We were delighted to have been shortlisted and have fully engaged in the eco-town process. It is with regret that we feel we must withdraw our bid, however, we remain committed to the principles behind the eco-town agenda.

“We are pleased that the Government has recognised the merits of the location of our scheme and has commended it as being a good development by normal standards.

“Going forward, we will continue to pursue our planning application for a new settlement at Curborough and will look to ways by which our application can benefit from our discussions with the eco-town challenge panel.”

The new settlement planning application was submitted on March 27 and is currently subject to on-going consultation with Lichfield District Council.

Ends.

For further information please contact:

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Notes to Editors

The Curborough Consortium is a group of four national house builders and developers. They are Hallam Land, Banks Developments, Redrow Homes and Gleeson Homes.