



## Redevelopment of 1 The Oaks, Westwood Way

### Press release

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A planning application has been submitted to Coventry City Council by McLaren (The Oaks) Limited (McLaren Property), to provide a bespoke student accommodation scheme on the currently vacant site at 1 The Oaks, Westwood Way, Coventry.

The site is in an accessible yet discreet location, ideal for new student accommodation. It is a short walk (20 minutes) and cycle (6 minutes) from The University of Warwick and located away from residential areas. It is also easily accessible by public transport.

The existing office building at 1 The Oaks became vacant when the last tenant moved out nearly four years ago. Despite extensive marketing there have been no current viable offers for the reuse of the building or for redevelopment for new offices.

McLaren Property is a specialist developer of high quality, bespoke student accommodation. They are seeking to invest in and regenerate the site to provide;

- 382 contemporary and attractive student accommodation units, providing a modern, purpose built alternative for student living to traditional family homes
- A sustainable development, close to the University of Warwick, with on-site bicycle storage, excellent pedestrian links and easy access to local bus services
- High quality scheme design that utilises the natural topography of the site, bolstered by a comprehensive landscaping scheme across the site
- An exceptional student experience in a secure environment, managed by an experienced student living operator

Bruce Ruddle, Development Director at McLaren Property, said:

*"We are pleased to have submitted our planning application for a new student accommodation scheme on the site of 1 The Oaks to the City Council."*

*"The site has been vacant for several years and given its sustainable, discreet location and distance from the neighbouring residential areas, we believe that it is ideally suited for a high quality, professionally managed student living scheme."*

*"We have engaged constructively with our neighbours at the site and local stakeholders throughout the pre-application process and hope that our proposals to regenerate this site will be well received."*

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