

## Appendix 9b1

Briefing note - 493-499 Bath Road, Brislington, Bristol BS4 3JU

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Bristol based Sovereign, the largest housing association operating in the South and South West, has purchased this site on Bath Road, which was formerly occupied by an office furniture retailer.

Sovereign is currently in the early stages of designing proposals for a residential housing scheme, incorporating amenity space, soft and hard landscaping and parking for cars and bikes. The number of units could be in the order of 115 to 130 including a mix of 1, 2 and 3 bedroom flats and houses, across a number of tenures including Shared Ownership, Private Rented and Social Rented.

At this stage in the process Sovereign is assembling its professional team and commissioning necessary reports and surveys and looking into covenants on the land to better understand and address the opportunities and constraints of the site. These include air quality, noise, transport, archaeology, contamination and ecology.

The findings of these early stage investigations will enable Sovereign to develop a design concept for the development produce the appropriate materials to enable meaningful consultation. The company has committed to widely engaging with the local community; local residents, businesses, Ward Councillors and Stakeholder Groups will all be approached and included in due course. It is anticipated this will commence early in the New Year.