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The next step in the Country Liberals Government’s plan to ease the Territory’s housing crisis is one step closer with the release of an area plan for a key development in a prime location.

A plan to guide the future development of the Berrimah Farm site on Stuart Highway has been placed on exhibition for 28 days and the public is invited to place comment.

Berrimah Farm is a 175ha site that has been earmarked for a mixed-use development and backed by a $4 million investment in this year’s budget.

Minister for Lands, Planning and the Environment Peter Chandler said the area plan identifies a range of land uses from commercial and retail to a number of different residential densities.

“The plan outlines the potential for almost 3,000 dwellings on a site that already has the major infrastructure in place,” Mr Chandler said.

“This development will inject much needed homes into a starved market which will improve housing affordability, something that is affecting all Territorians.

“Commercial land has been suggested along the Stuart Highway, consistent with surrounding areas, and to also act as a buffer to the adjacent light industrial area.

“Importantly, 15 hectares will be retained for the existing research farm to continue their important work. This leaves area for the farm to expand and invites investment from outside sources like the Commonwealth or private sector.

“It is envisaged higher density development will surround a ‘village centre’ with lower density dwellings flowing out towards Tiger Brennan Drive.

“The site is ideally located between two major transport corridors, public transport and just ten minutes from both Darwin and Palmerston CBD.

Subject to the adoption of this area plan, development proposals for Berrimah Farm will be sought later this year.

A copy of the proposed plan is attached.

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