

MAC124rep1

# **Development Plan Representation**

# Flintshire LDP Matters Arising Changes Consultation

July 2022



## I. Introduction

- 1.1. have been instructed by to submit representations to the Flintshire Local Development Plan (LDP) Consultation on Matters Arising Changes.
- 1.2. has significant land interests in the area and has made representations to earlier stages of the Local Plan process and appeared at the LDP Examination.
- 1.3. Control the former Corus Garden City site, which forms part of the strategic Northern Gateway site. This scheme is an important part of the national, regional and local growth agenda and can positively contribute towards the economic and housing growth for the area.
- 1.4. would like to make comments on the following Matters Arising Changes:
  - MAC005
  - MAC031
  - MAC058
  - MAC060
  - MAC061
  - MAC124
- 1.5. welcome the opportunity for further engagement and we trust that you will confirm that these representations are duly made and will give due consideration to these comments.
- 1.6. Please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss any issues raised in this Representation further.

# 2. Matters Arising Changes

2.1. would like to comment on the following Matters Arising Changes:

#### **MAC005**

2.2. **supports** MAC005 which reflects the discussions at the LDP Examination for visibility and clarity to completely split the strategic sites Policy STR3 into two separate policies. **Comment** on the individual content of new Policy STR3A Northern Gateway in relation to MAC0031.

#### MAC031

- 2.3. **support** new Policy STR3A Northern Gateway. This policy is largely the same as the previous Policy STR3, but is now dedicated to the Northern Gateway site, as Warren Hall has been removed from the policy into its own dedicated policy.
- 2.4. note that in creating Policy STR3A that the content of the policy has not been updated to reflect current circumstances. This issue was raised in representations and Hearing Statement in relation to Matter 3.
- 2.6. Furthermore, the policy does not reflect the latest masterplan for the site, which includes amendments to the internal road layout and residential parcels, a bus interchange

plot off Welsh Road. Attached at Appendix I is the most recent masterplan, which should be reflected in the Plan in place of the one shown in the MACs.

2.7. consider the justification text should be amended accordingly to introduce greater flexibility over the lifetime of the Plan. This approach is consistent with PPW.

#### **MAC058**

2.8. is **concerned** that MAC058 removes reference to B1 uses. is unclear where this change has arisen from. The current extant planning permission on the site is for:

Mixed-use development, incorporating Logistics and Technology Park (B1, B2, B8) with residential (C3), local retail centre (A1), hotel (C1), training and skills centre (C2, D1), new parkland; conversion of buildings, demolition of barns; and associated infrastructure comprising construction of accesses, roads, footpaths / cycle paths, earthworks and flood mitigation / drainage works at Northern Gateway, Land off Welsh Road, Deeside."

- 2.9. The proposed change to the policy is therefore not in accordance with the extant planning permission for the site. The extant planning permission allows for ancillary elements to the proposed employment on the site and the updates to Policy PEI conflict with that purpose and therefore there is now a lack of clarity, particularly as MAC061 suggests that Northern Gateway can accommodate BI uses. Furthermore, MAC124 includes the John Summers Building to be brought into the site boundary and allocation, which requires its sensitive reuse. As amended Policy PEI would only allow B2 and B8 uses, which is not in accordance with the intention of Policy STR3A.
- 2.10. through their comments on the Plan suggested there needed to be flexibility within Policy PE1 to allow for the long term development of the site. therefore suggests the opposite has now occurred and given the context of the extant planning permission and MAC124 that the policy is changed to allow an element of B1 uses.

#### **MAC060**

2.11. **supports** MAC060 which reflects the discussion at the LDP Examination and representations to highlight for clarity that Northern Gateway is within the Deeside Enterprise Zone.

#### MAC061

2.12. supports MAC061 and the commensurate changes to Policy PE1 paragraph 10.1.

#### MAC124

2.13. **supports** the changes to include the John Summers building within Policy STR3A and the encouragement for the sensitive re-use of the building, which reflects the strategy and approach of the site to date.

### **Proposed Changes**

- 2.14. To overcome the objection and address soundness matters, the following changes are proposed:
  - Within MAC031 create flexibility within Policy STR3A and reflect the most recent masterplan.
  - Within MAC031 amend criterion i and ii of Policy STR3A, and precede each criterion with the word 'approximately'.
  - Within MAC031 amend the justifying text, to ensure the Plan is sufficiently flexible and can respond to changing economic circumstances, demands and identified needs, over the lifetime of the Plan.
  - Within MAC058 include B1 uses to reflect the extant planning permission.
  - Amend the masterplan in the appendices to reflect the current masterplan.

# **Appendix I: Current Masterplan**

