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MAN Energy Solutions Submits Development Plan for Stockport Landholding

Greater Manchester (UK) project provides for new housing stock and huge public space

MAN Energy Solutions has today [Tuesday 29th June, 2021] submitted an outline planning application concerning land owned by the company. The plan proposes the construction of a residential development of up to 200 dwellings – with associated landscaping, site infrastructure and provision for a significant public space – on the company’s privately-owned landholdings located to the rear of its UK headquarters in Stockport. As such, the company proposes to use 11 acres of land on housing development, with the remaining 83% (53 acres) of the plot safeguarded for public use.

In drafting the application, MAN Energy Solutions launched a consultation process in September 2020 to seek the public’s view, with feedback from the consultation subsequently considered by the project team led by Avison Young (planning consultancy) and 5plus Architects (master planning).

Under the terms of the application, agreement has also been reached for MAN Energy Solutions to transfer ownership of that land intended for public use to national charity, the Land Trust, should planning consent be granted. This agreement would additionally see endowment funding of over £1 million being granted by the company to the Land Trust towards upkeep of said public space.

The housing plans for up to 200 dwellings, with 50% affordable provision, have been drawn up without the need to increase the housing-development area, and will also deliver a Biodiversity NET Gain of 11.98%. The intention is for the Land Trust to work with local groups to create a shared vision for what is hoped will be a local nature and wildlife haven. This would be enjoyed by residents and others in the local area, including staff and patients from nearby Stepping Hill Hospital.

While some rights of way across the land currently exist, the new plan would allow for unfettered access on all of the land to families, children, walkers, runners and cyclists, and provide greater flexibility in the way the land can be used by local schools, scouts and cubs, and other local groups.

Louise Durose, General Counsel for MAN Energy Solutions, said: “This planning application and the agreement with the Land Trust offer a unique opportunity to turn private land into a fantastic, new, public amenity with a sustainable future, while also providing much-needed, new homes in Stockport. Should planning consent be granted, any surplus funds raised through the sale of the development plot for housing would be reinvested into the business.”

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