

# DECISION NOTICE

Notice is given that the following decision has been taken under the Provisions set out in the Council's Constitution

**Decision maker:** Portfolio Holder for Housing, Planning and Regeneration

**Decision in the matter of:** CE 18/19-32 Draft Brooks Lane (Middlewich) Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document

**Decision:** That, having considered the recommendations of the Strategic Planning Board,

- 1 the Draft Brooks Lane Development Framework Supplementary Planning Document be approved for six weeks of public consultation.
- 2 the Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Screening Report be published; and
- 3 the Director of Planning and Environment be authorised to make any additional non-material changes to the draft Supplementary Planning Document or Screening Report ahead of public consultation.

**Background:** The Brook Lane site is identified as a strategic location in the Council's Local Plan Strategy, adopted in July 2017 as site reference 'LPS 43: Brook Lane, Middlewich'.

Consultants Barton Wilmore, on behalf of the Council, has prepared a draft development framework (masterplan) to support future development of the site. Two consultation 'drop in' events have been held with residents, businesses and landowners across the site. Two informal meetings have also been held with Middlewich Town Council members. The feedback received through this targeted engagement has been taken into account in shaping the draft Brook Lane (Middlewich) Development Framework.

The draft Brook Lane (Middlewich) Development Framework will provide more detailed planning guidance and illustrate how high quality, mixed-use development can be realised across the site in line with policy LPS 43 of the Local Plan Strategy. It recognises the opportunities for regeneration, particularly of the canal-side area of the site, the ability to provide new and enhanced green infrastructure,

open spaces and pedestrian and cycle links. Specifically it illustrates how around 200 homes could be achieved adjacent to the Trent and Mersey Canal as a shorter-term opportunity, as envisaged in the Local Plan Strategy. The draft Brook Lane (Middlewich) Development Framework has been developed through a careful analysis of the site and its context including the existence of heritage assets.

**Background Documents:** Report and Appendices to Portfolio Holder entitled Draft Brook Lane (Middlewich) Masterplan, Supplementary Planning Document.

The background documents to this decision can be viewed by contacting the report author.

**Approved:** Councillor Ainsley Arnold  
Portfolio Holder for Housing, Planning and Regeneration

**Date:** 21 December 2018

**Executive Director:** Frank Jordan  
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