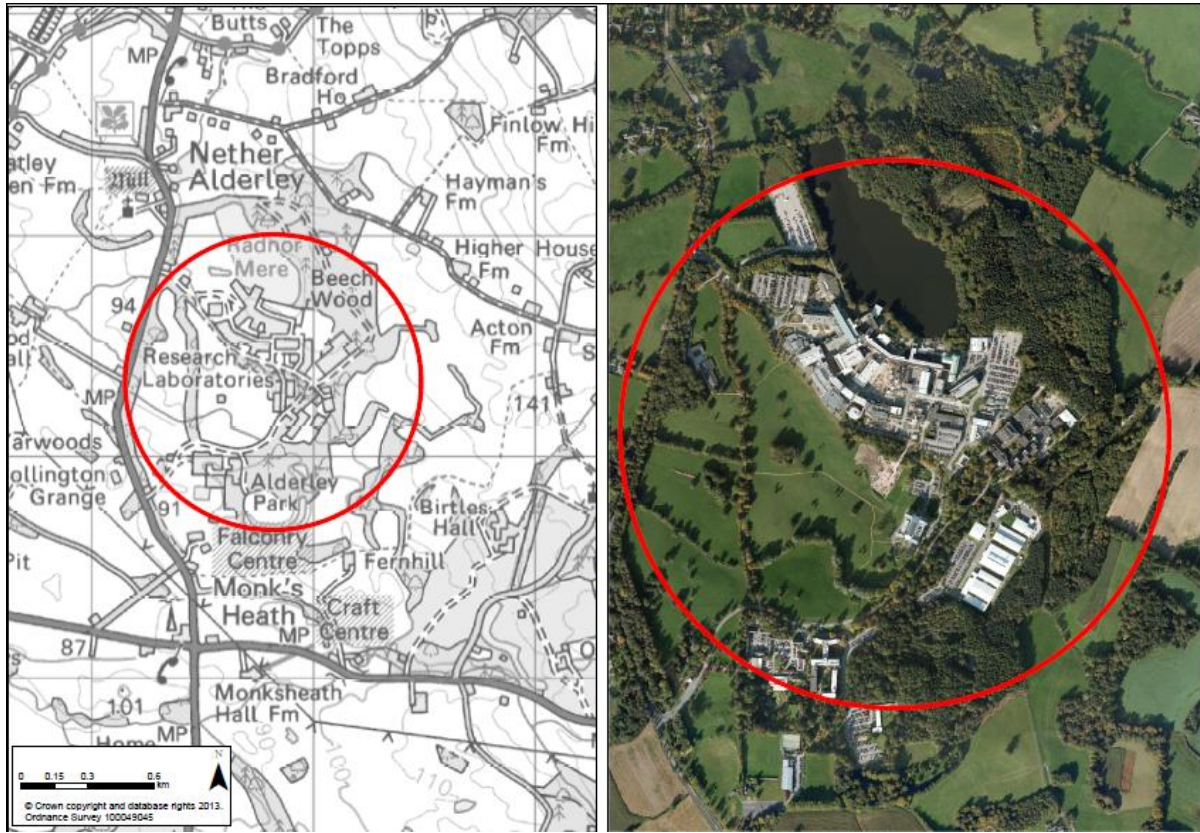


ANNEX 3: EXISTING KEY EMPLOYMENT SITES

ALDERLEY PARK



Currently AstraZeneca's largest research facility and the company's global centre for cancer research, Alderley Park is home to 2,900 jobs¹ the majority of which are highly skilled research and development posts. Indeed, Alderley Park is at the forefront of research and development in Cheshire East which currently accounts for 4100 jobs in the Borough, and represents 36.9% of R&D jobs in the whole North West region².

The next stage of evolution for the site is to develop a 'Science for Life' Park which will increase the overall numbers of jobs on the site over the next five years up to 4000 (with 1,000 already in the pipeline). Delivery of this vision and provide the transition from a single occupier of the site to a 'cluster' of life science businesses as Astra Zeneca relocate their main operations by 2016, leaving approximately 700 employees on site³.

¹ AstraZeneca UK website information on individual sites (www.astrazeneca.co.uk/astrazeneca-in-uk/our-uk-sites/), September 2013

² Business Register and Employment Survey (BRES) 2011, ONS, NOMIS.

³ AstraZeneca press release, March 18 2013: <http://www.astrazeneca.com/Media/Press-releases/Article/18032013--astrazeneca-to-invest-research-centre-and-global-hq> .

To facilitate the delivery of the vision, a masterplan for the site will be developed over the next 12 months. The objective of the masterplan will be to maximise the employment potential of the site to deliver the Science for Life Vision, and also to look at wider uses for all aspects of the site which would both meet community and local need, and also enable the delivery of the vision. These wider uses may include some changes to current planning policy such as limited higher value uses, however this would be taken forward through a formal planning process or as part of the next stage of development of the Local Plan.

HURDSFIELD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, MACCLESFIELD



As the largest traditional industrial estate in Cheshire East, Hurdsfield Industrial Estate is home to a number of major multinational companies, including AstraZeneca and BASF Performance Products Ltd. The site is home to AstraZeneca's second largest manufacturing plant, employing in the region of 2000 people and is home to the firm's £63m Pharmaceutical Development laboratory⁴. This is within the context that chemicals and pharmaceuticals account for 3200 jobs in Cheshire East and 1.8% of the Borough's total employment⁵. Within this key industry, therefore, Hurdsfield Industrial Estate represents an important concentration of activity. Work is ongoing to maximise the employment uses and land uses on the Hurdsfield estate to ensure it plays its role in delivering our

⁴ AstraZeneca UK website information on individual sites (www.astrazeneca.co.uk/astrazeneca-in-uk/our-uk-sites/), September 2013

⁵ BRES 2011, ONS, NOMIS

economic vision for the Borough and create growth opportunities for local and new companies seeking to locate in North Cheshire

BENTLEY MOTORS, CREWE



Bentley Motor's manufacturing plant on the former Rolls Royce site at Pym's Lane in Crewe is the town's largest private sector employer, currently employing 3500 people. As the company's UK Headquarters, the site is home to all aspects of car production from design, engineering, manufacturing, quality, and sales and marketing⁶. Following an announcement in July 2013 of an £800m investment by the company at Pym's Lane in order to manufacture its new SUV, plans for significant growth at the site are expected alongside the creation of 1000 new jobs⁷. With advanced manufacturing accounting for 12.3% of employment in Cheshire East⁸, the Bentley site is at the centre of this growing sector, and is responsible for a growing supply chain in the nearby area. More than 700 businesses from 32 countries supply the site at Crewe, 82 of which are within a 50 mile radius of the factory⁹.

⁶ Bentley Motors Website (www.bentleymedia.com/page-category-9.htm), September 2013.

⁷ 10 Downing Street Press Release, 23rd July 2013, (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/bentley-suv-prime-minister-welcomes-800-million-investment-and-1000-new-jobs>)

⁸ 2011 Census, DORIC Online, September 2013

⁹ Bentley Motors Website (www.bentleymedia.com/page-category-9.htm), September 2013.

RADBROKE HALL, KNUTSFORD



Radbroke Hall is the current UK Strategic Centre for Barclays Bank Plc, and is home to the Global Infrastructure and Service Delivery teams. 3200 Barclays' employees are located on site, performing mainly IT and support functions¹⁰. Radbroke Hall is at the forefront of a growing IT and Financial/Insurance Services industry in Cheshire East which currently accounts for 8.3% of employment in the Borough, of which Radbroke Hall accounts for 20% of jobs. This is in comparison to the fact that IT and Financial/Insurance Services account for 6.4% of employment in the North West region as a whole, demonstrating a higher concentration of these activities in Cheshire East than in the region as a whole¹¹.

Whilst saved planning policies will apply to any developments at these specified locations for the time being, fresh consideration will be given to the needs of these sites within the Site Allocations section of the Local Plan. This will allow for any revision to policy, detailed boundary changes and master planning necessary to ensure that these sites continue to contribute to the economy of the Borough.

¹⁰ Barclays Bank Plc Website (<http://www.lifeintechology.co.uk/global-locations/radbroke-hall-uk/>), September 2013.

¹¹ 2011 Census, DORIC Online, September 2013

JODRELL BANK, HOLMES CHAPEL



Located in the heart of Cheshire East, the Jodrell Bank Observatory is a leading site in the Astrophysics and academic research sectors in the UK. As a rapidly expanding facility, there is a clear vision for the future of this unique resource.

The Observatory, part of the University of Manchester's School of Physics and Astronomy, remains to be an active research facility, particularly through the location of the headquarters of the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) Project. This is complemented by a rapidly growing Discovery Centre.

In April 2011, it was announced that Jodrell Bank would be the inaugural headquarters for the global **Square Kilometre Array Project (SKA)**. The Project is a groundbreaking global science and engineering project to build the world's largest and most sensitive radio telescope.

The importance of Jodrell Bank for wider science in the UK cannot be doubted, and a clear vision is developing for the future of this unique flagship resource.

BOOTHS HALL, KNUTSFORD



Booths Hall combines a 220 acre beautiful parkland setting with flexible, high quality office accommodation which is home to a growing number of small high growth, high tech companies and major multinationals. The site offers a quality employment location in the heart of Cheshire with good links into public transport and road/rail links.

Since 2004 Bruntwood has invested £35m in Booths Park not only in renovating the Hall but also transforming it from failing a park of 2 occupiers to a thriving employment site with 60 companies employing 1,300 highly skilled people. The park is a major contributor to Knutsford and the wider regional economy with many leading international and knowledge based businesses located there. 80% of the existing occupiers operate in Cheshire East's growth sectors.

MIDPOINT 18, MIDDLEWICH



Located close to Junction 18 of the M6 in Middlewich, Midpoint 18 is a mixed use business park currently home to major companies such as Wincanton, Kuehne + Nagel, and Tesco. The current development footprint provides 128,130m² of mixed employment use, including office, distribution, and manufacturing space. The park currently supports in the region of 2500 jobs and there are further plans for expansion of the site¹². The logistics industry currently accounts for 5.2% of employment in Cheshire East and 4.8% of employment in Middlewich itself, making Midpoint 18 a key location in both the immediate local and Borough-level economies¹³.

¹² Midpoint 18 Website (<http://www.midpoint18.co.uk/availability>), September 2013

¹³ 2011 Census, DORIC Online, September 2013