

## **Warrington Borough Council**

### **Position Statement**

**APPEAL REF: APP/H4315/V/20/3265899**

**Omega Zone 8, West of Omega South and South of the M62, St Helens,  
Merseyside WA8 3TR**

Warrington Borough Council's Development Management Committee (DMC) in August 2020 agreed Warrington's response to the planning application P/2020/0061/HYBR.

In October 2020 Warrington Borough Council subsequently paused work on its Local Plan in response to the impact of COVID-19, along with the Government's proposed planning reforms and new housing calculation methodology. This has resulted in a delay submitting the Local Plan to the Secretary of State for Independent examination.

The delay gives the council time to reflect and be confident that the Local Plan submitted for examination is the right one for Warrington, given the events of last year and the effects they are likely to have for years to come.

In light of the changes, it is anticipated that the council will now be in a position to progress with the Local Plan in the summer of 2021.

The respective Councils have agreed through the Local Plan Duty to Cooperate process that site 1EA (Omega South Western Extension, Land North of Finches Lane, totalling 31.22 ha) of St. Helens Borough Local Plan 2020-2035 Submission Version would count towards meeting Warrington's employment land needs.

Given the location of the Omega site, Warrington Borough Council will need to give further consideration to the additional proposed floorspace subject to this appeal at Omega Zone 8 through its Local Plan process and the duty to cooperate.