

foundation : economic development zone
westwood park masterplan consultation
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Wigan Council is delivering a major redevelopment of an extensive site close to Wigan town centre for commercial and business uses. The site will provide an exciting and high quality scheme which will bring large scale investment and new job opportunities to Wigan. The Council as the major land owner is currently seeking interest from developers, operators and investors to progress the development of the site, known as Westwood Park.

Westwood Park covers an area of 44 hectares less than two miles from Junction 25 of the M6 motorway. The site was previously the location of Westwood Power Station. This former use of the site has created large areas of water, known collectively as Wigan Flashes, which are recognised as a Site of Special Scientific Interest. Wigan Flashes are located next to the area identified for development and employment use. Adjacent to the identified employment area there is a combination of water and woodland which has created a Site of Biological Importance. Westwood Park also incorporates stretches of the Leeds-Liverpool Canal and the River Douglas. All this means that the development site is set within an attractive and important natural environment.

The masterplan has been drawn up following a full assessment of the environment. Many of the features in the plan have been developed to ensure the proposed development considers, and is sensitive to, the existing natural setting. No development will be permitted on the most sensitive areas of the site.

The mix of size, location and natural environment within the site has created a first class opportunity for a prestigious and environmentally friendly business park. The development of Westwood Park for this purpose will attract new businesses to the Borough creating a range of different jobs for local residents.

The Foundation Economic Development Zone is funded through the European Regional Development Fund and the North West Development Agency. Westwood Park is one of five sites within the zone that have been selected for development or improvement.

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Masterplan overview

Pedestrian link with canal side promenade

Waterside Pavilions

Boardwalk Link walkway

Site for mixed use development

Existing development

Hillside development of grass roof buildings

Solar Sail buildings

Pedestrian, cycle and bus access

Cluster development within existing landscape framework

