
Press release

14 September 2020

MAN Energy Solutions SE
Stadtbachstraße 1, 86153 Augsburg
Germany

Postal address:
86224 Augsburg, Germany

www.man-es.com

Group Communications
Michael Mustermann
P +49 821 322 12 34
michael.mustermann@man-es.com

MAN ENERGY SOLUTIONS LAUNCHES PUBLIC CONSULTATION TO CREATE NEW INFORMAL COUNTRY PARK AND 150 HOMES FROM ITS LANDHOLDINGS IN HAZEL GROVE, STOCKPORT

MAN Energy Solutions, has today [14 September 2020] launched a public consultation to turn 53 acres of privately owned land to the rear of the company's headquarters into a new informal Country Park through the development of a further 11 acres of land for 150 new homes.

The plans would allow for 53 acres of private land to be held in Trust or within a Community Interest Company and brought into public use as an informal country park, widening the use of it, to families, children, walkers, runners and cyclists and providing flexibility in the way the land can be used by local schools, scouts and cubs and other youth groups.

In addition, with an increasing focus on health and public health there is also the opportunity for the new park to be used by staff, patients and out-patients from nearby Stepping Hill Hospital through the creation of new nature trails. The country park proposals would be underpinned by the housing development and would result in 80% of the land, which is currently privately owned by MAN Energy Solutions becoming the largest public green space in the Hazel Grove area.

Thousands of notices have been distributed in the local area to local residences and business addresses. A consultation website www.mirrleespark.com has also been set up containing further details on the plans and an online survey for members of the public to provide their feedback.

Launching the consultation, Wayne Jones, Chairman - MAN Energy Solutions UK said:

“As part of a company-wide land review we appointed a consultant team to carry out a detailed review of our landholdings in Stockport and options for it. This was done in the context of the challenging economic conditions we are facing and ideas for the land previously discussed with the friends group and Cheshire Wildlife Trust.

“We are seeking people's views on what we believe is a sustainable and viable plan to create a fantastic new public amenity for the local community and we look forward to receiving and reviewing feedback from the local community, before submitting a planning application.”

The vision for the site has been developed to complement existing facilities in the area, with the site continuing to have a semi-rural, less formal feel to it but without the access restrictions it currently has. This means that the current restrictions preventing people from venturing beyond the footpaths and rights of way will be removed under the new plans, enabling much wider and flexible use of the space.

For several years MAN Energy Solutions has worked with Mirrlees Fields Friends Group (MFFG) and the Cheshire Wildlife Trust (CWT) on a variety of initiatives to protect and enhance the land.

The project team comprises a professional team of consultants including Avison Young (Planning Consultancy Services), 5plus Architects (Masterplanning), Curtins (Transport Consultants), Eversheds (Legal), UK Networks (Community Engagement) and Barnes Walker (Landscape Architects).

Media Enquiries

Alun Hayes

TELEPHONE: 07809140016

E-MAIL: alun@uk-networks.com

MAN Energy Solutions enables its customers to achieve sustainable value creation in the transition towards a carbon neutral future. Addressing tomorrow's challenges within the marine, energy and industrial sectors, we improve efficiency and performance at a systemic level. Leading the way in advanced engineering for more than 250 years, we provide a unique portfolio of technologies. Headquartered in Germany, MAN Energy Solutions employs some 14,000 people at over 120 sites globally. Our after-sales brand, MAN PrimeServ, offers a vast network of service centres to our customers all over the world.