

KNOWSLEY CORE STRATEGY EXAMINATION

POLICIES SUE1, SUE2 AND SUE2C

**SOUTH OF WHISTON AND LAND SOUTH OF THE M62 SUSTAINABLE URBAN
EXTENSION**

JOINT STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF

**JUNCTION PROPERTY LTD, MARO DEVELOPMENTS LTD, MR AND MRS
FANTIN/MRS GRIFFIN AND HALSNEAD PARK**

MAY 2015

- 1 Since the close of the last session of the Examination in July 2014, the four principal landowners and developers – Junction Property Ltd, Maro Developments Ltd, Mr and Mrs Fantin/Mrs Griffin and Halsnead Park – have been working together to bring the site forward at the earliest possible date.
- 2 The principal landowners and developers intend to be in a position to submit one or more outline applications for the South of Whiston site by the end of October 2015. Surveys have already commenced. The intention is that a full Environmental Impact Assessment and Transport Assessment will accompany the applications together with a comprehensive masterplan. Prior to the submissions, there will be a full community engagement exercise so that local people can influence the contents of the applications.
- 3 The exact timing of the outline applications will be dependent upon progress with the Core Strategy and it is not envisaged that submission will be before receipt of the Inspector's Report.
- 4 The principal landowners and developers intend to work with the Council and the local community to ensure that the outline applications, including the accompanying master plan, is informed by the emerging proposals of the Supplementary Planning Document for the site which the Council intends to prepare over the same period.
- 5 The timescale for the outline application for the employment site – Land South of the M62 - has not yet been established. There has been significant commercial interest in its development.

- 6 Joint discussions have taken place with the Council Officers about the nature and timing of the planning applications.
- 7 The four principal landowners are in discussion with the Council in relation to a planning performance agreement. They are also discussing how the development-wide costs and liabilities will be apportioned.
- 8 Since the close of the previous session of the Examination, there has been continued and sustained interest by volume housebuilders wanting to be involved in the development of the site. The four principal landowners and developers are confident that the development will be a commercial success once planning permission is granted.