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MedwayOne: planning application submitted for new employment development at the former Kingsnorth power station site

- **Uniper has submitted an outline planning application to enable the redevelopment of the former Kingsnorth power station site.**
- **Plans comprise 152 acres of readily developable brownfield land for a mix of commercial, industrial and manufacturing spaces.**
- **Once fully occupied, MedwayOne has the potential to create more than 2,000 permanent jobs, and would generate around £48million in economic output per year for the region.**

Plans have been submitted by Uniper to enable the redevelopment of the former Kingsnorth power station site, on the Hoo Peninsula, Medway, Kent.

Known as MedwayOne, the proposals would enable the regeneration of the 279 acre site, which comprises of 152 acres of readily developable brownfield land for the creation of a modern employment space that would deliver new job opportunities and attract long-term investment into the region.

Once fully occupied, MedwayOne would have the potential to create more than 2,000 permanent, full-time equivalent jobs, with around 700 temporary construction jobs over the lifetime of the build. The scheme could also generate at least £48million in economic output and activity per year for the region.

Our vision proposes a mixture of commercial, manufacturing and industrial spaces, along with the potential for storage, distribution and data centre uses; all of which are intended to attract leading national and international companies to the site. Options to create an Energy Hub also form part of the proposals, that could potentially provide power, steam and heat for neighbouring businesses, as well as a district heating scheme for the proposed housing development – Hoo Rural Town.

This application follows extensive pre-application dialogue with officers at Medway Council, and a comprehensive programme of community engagement, which included inviting over 4,800 local residences, stakeholders and businesses to attend online public exhibitions earlier this year.

The outline application will establish the general principles for future development of the site and, if planning permission is granted, separate detailed applications for the development of individual parcels of land will

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be submitted by businesses that locate to the site in the future before construction can begin.

Adam Archer, MedwayOne Project Manager for Uniper, said:

“We would like to thank local people for providing their valuable feedback at the online public exhibitions and throughout our wider programme of engagement. This has not only provided us with the opportunity to take on board people’s views, but continue to build relationships with local communities and stakeholders.

If our application is approved, MedwayOne will provide exciting long-term investment opportunities with the ability to attract a range of dynamic businesses. It is anticipated that MedwayOne will be developed over a period of around 10 years, with the potential to attract investment into the area and create new job opportunities that could complement and support future planned growth in Medway.

Adam continued: “Uniper is committed to ongoing dialogue with local residents, elected members, businesses and community groups, and will keep all communication channels open and interested parties updated of MedwayOne’s progress.”

The planning application is expected to be determined by Medway Council later in 2021.

For more information about the project visit:

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