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CASE STUDY

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Destination Kirkby

Client: Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council

Location: Kirkby

HOW Planning was instructed by Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council (KMBC) to appear as expert planning witness at the call in planning inquiry for the 'Destination Kirkby' project, a major mixed use regeneration scheme which includes proposals to relocate Everton football club to a new 50,000 capacity stadium in Kirkby.



Details

Tesco Stores and Everton Football Club submitted a major mixed use planning application to KMBC in January 2008. The applicants proposed a major retail led mixed use regeneration scheme including a new Tesco Extra store with new leisure, food, office, health and civic uses and retail development in Kirkby Town Centre. Overall some 78,000sq.m of retail and commercial floorspace was proposed to facilitate the delivery of a new state of the art Premiership football stadium for Everton Football Club.

The application was supported by the Council and was called in by the Secretary of State in May 2008.

Working within a core team of Council Officers and other expert witnesses HOW appeared to give evidence on behalf of KMBC at the inquiry. In addition HOW Planning provided expert advice to the Council during the inquiry process on a range of issues including proposed planning conditions and the section 106 agreement. A decision is expected before the end of the year.