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## NEW HOMES FOR LOSTOCK GRALAM GIVEN GO-AHEAD

Outline planning approval has been secured for a 4ha (9.88 acre) residential scheme for Commercial Development Projects Ltd, to be developed on an area of land within Cheshire Business Park in Lostock Gralam near Northwich.

Manchester based HOW Planning advised on the planning application and co-ordinated the submission through to determination. The application, which was supported by designs prepared by architects Austin Smith Lord, follows a significant slow down in the take-up of commercial property. The plans have now received a resolution to approve by Cheshire West and Chester Council subject to the signing of a Section 106 agreement.

Amendments were made to the initial plans for the scheme, which will include 160 new family homes, following an extensive community consultation and public exhibition. Concerns over access were addressed with the provision of a new point of access through the existing business park, which resulted in a more positive response.

Says Carol Clarke, Associate: "Residents were much happier with the revised plans and the comments we had back following the second consultation programme were more supportive. The new residential scheme fits in much better with surrounding area and will provide many benefits to the local community including, job creation, a woodland play area and a contribution from the Governments Homes Bonus Scheme."

Clive Panter, Director at Austin Smith Lord, adds: "It has been extremely satisfying to be able to develop a high quality urban design solution in consultation with the local community. We believe that the new environment and amenities created through the development of this site will have a positive impact on the area."

