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## MARKS & SPENCER APPOINT HOW ON SECOND SCHEME



Following HOW's successful planning application for the Marks & Spencer store, which was developed by Simons at Cheshire Oaks in Ellesmere Port, the Manchester based planning consultancy has been appointed to advise on a second project for the high street retailer.

The new Marks & Spencer store will form part of the redevelopment of the Stephen Smith Garden Centre site in Scunthorpe where developers Simons are progressing with plans for a new retail scheme.

Says Richard Woodford, Partner at HOW Planning: "We established a very good relationship with the teams from Simons and Marks & Spencer on the Cheshire Oaks scheme and are looking forward to working with both again. Simons' plans for the redevelopment of this site will generate a lot of local employment and Marks & Spencer is a great first name to launch the scheme with.

"We will be working very closely with the local community throughout the consultation period before submitting what we hope will be a successful planning application."

Plans for the new retail scheme incorporate approximately 100,000 sq ft of space, 50,000 sq ft of which has been taken by Marks & Spencer and will be subject to planning advice from HOW Planning. The remaining space is to be split across additional units for other national retailers with the overall scheme creating up to 200 new jobs.