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PLANS APPROVED FOR NEW LOCAL CENTRE IN THORNTON

Acting on behalf of NPL Estates one of the UK's leading regeneration companies, Manchester based specialists HOW Planning has secured planning approval to transform land adjacent to the former power station site in Thornton, Lancashire into a high quality, retail led redevelopment scheme.

The site, which is located off Fleetwood Road, had been allocated for a new local centre in the recently adopted Fleetwood-Thornton Area Action Plan and it is hoped the new 6.43 ha (15.9acre) development will continue the regeneration of NPL's large strategic landholding and the wider area in line with the Council's plan.

A hybrid application for a retail scheme was submitted to Wyre Borough Council earlier this year. Outline planning permission has been unanimously approved for a new local centre comprising a foodstore; a series of retail units and a new community centre along with public realm space and associated car parking. In addition, full planning permission has been granted for vehicular access into the site as well as ecology and landscape works associated with the diversion of the existing watercourse that runs through the site.

Says Jon Suckley, Associate at HOW Planning: "The Thornton-Fleetwood area is the subject of significant change with NPL already having secured over 1000 new jobs in the last 5 years and approval of this application will help NPL, Wyre Borough Council and other stakeholders continue the progressive regeneration of the area. It will inject much needed value, services and employment opportunities into the existing communities in line with the recently adopted Area Action Plan."

