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Not Just Any Application, A Marks & Spencer Application

Project: Marks & Spencer, Cheshire Oaks
Client: Simons Developments
Location: Ellesmere Port



Manchester based specialists HOW Planning have successfully submitted a full planning application for what will be Marks & Spencer's second largest store in the country. Plans for the 195,000 sq ft development, which will be located at Cheshire Oaks in Ellesmere Port have been registered by Ellesmere Port & Neston Borough Council.

Acting on behalf of Marks & Spencer and Simons Developments, HOW Planning has been working on the application for a number of months. Plans incorporate a fully sustainable store encompassing a range of low energy initiatives and renewable energy measures to meet Marks & Spencer's aspiration to be carbon neutral.



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The store will create up to 460 jobs, many of which will be sourced from the most deprived wards in the Borough in consultation with the Council.

Says Chris Edge, Associate at HOW Planning:

“The store represents a major investment for Marks & Spencer in Ellesmere Port and one of their biggest projects to date, second only in retail floorspace to its flagship store at Marble Arch in London.

There have been a number of considerations to take into account for the application most of which have been necessary to meet Marks & Spencer’s sustainability ambitions; issues which are becoming more and more important in today’s environmentally aware climate.”

The new Marks & Spencer store will carry a full range of products ranging from clothing to homeware goods as well as an extensive food hall.