

APPLICATION NO: 24/00675/FUL

CASE OFFICER: Andrew Hunt

WARD: Halewood South

PARISH: Halewood
Town Council

LOCATION: Jaguar Land Rover, Jaguar Plant, North Road, Halewood, Knowsley

PROPOSAL: INSTALLATION OF GROUND MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC
(PV) CANOPIES ON EXISTING FOOTPATHS

Site Description

The application site is 8 smaller sites set within the larger Jaguar Land Rover site at Halewood. 3 of the sites are located to the south and 5 to the north of the complex. The Jaguar Land Rover site is separated from residential dwellings to the north by a railway and residential dwellings to the south by the A561.

Proposal

The proposal is for the installation of ground mounted solar photovoltaic 9PV canopies on existing footpaths. This consists of 8 smaller sites with solar panel mounted above the walkways supported by steel posts at ground floor level. The sites are linear in shape with a long and narrow area.

Consultations

Liverpool John Lennon Airport - No objection subject to informative. The glint and glare assessment has demonstrated that the proposed works will have no impact on operations at LJLA,

Representations

The application has been publicised by a site notice. No representations have been received.

Planning History

Numerous applications have been approved at the site. However, only a recent application is considered directly relevant. An application (24/00659/PDS) for Solar PV canopies over existing car parks was approved on 25/02/2025.

Relevant Policy

Paragraph 11 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states that planning decisions should apply a presumption in favour of sustainable development. This means approving development proposals that accord with an up-to-date

development plan without delay; or where the development plan is absent, silent or out of date planning permission should be granted unless the application of policies in the NPPF that protect areas or assets of particular importance provides a clear reason for refusing the development proposed; or any adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits, when assessed against the policies in the NPPF taken as a whole.

Paragraph 12 of the NPPF clarifies that the presumption in favour of sustainable development does not change the statutory status of the development plan as the starting point for decision making. Where a planning application conflicts with an up-to-date development plan, permission should not normally be granted. Local planning authorities may take decisions that depart from an up-to-date development plan, but only if material considerations in a particular case indicate that the plan should not be followed.

The development plan in Knowsley comprises the Saved Policies of the Replacement Unitary Development Plan, the Core Strategy Local Plan and the Joint Waste Local Plan. The following policies are relevant to the determination of this application.

KNOWSLEY LOCAL PLAN: CORE STRATEGY

CS2 - Development Principles
CS4 - Economy and Employment
CS19 - Design Quality and Accessibility in New Development
CS23 - Renewable and Low Carbon Infrastructure

SAVED POLICIES - KNOWSLEY REPLACEMENT UNITARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN (ADOPTED JUNE 2006)

EC3 - Primarily Industrial Areas

Article 35 Statement

The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by assessing the proposal against all material considerations, including planning policies and any representations that may have been received and subsequently determining to grant planning permission in accordance with the presumption in favour of sustainable development, as set out within the National Planning Policy Framework.

Assessment

Principle of Development

The proposal would involve walkway solar panels. These would be installed above ground level forming a roof over the existing walkways. The proposal would involve minor changes to the site which would remain in its existing employment use. There would be no loss of employment land. Therefore, the application is considered

acceptable in principle.

Amenity

Policy CS19 requires that to maintain a good standard of amenity for all existing and future occupants of land and buildings, development proposals will be required to avoid unacceptable impacts on existing residents, business occupiers, and future occupiers.

The solar panels are located above the walkways and face upwards. They would also be located away from the site boundary. Therefore, they will not affect the amenity of neighbours.

Streetscene

The solar panels would be located well within the site and away from public view. Therefore, there would be no impact on the streetscene.

Glint and Glare

A comprehensive Glint and Glare study has been produced by the applicant which demonstrates that the proposal will not adversely impact the operations of Liverpool John Lennon airport. This has been reviewed by Liverpool John Lennon Airport who have no objection to the proposal. As a result, there would be no harm to neighbouring occupiers from glare.

Other Considerations

The proposal would also provide benefits in terms of providing self-sufficient renewable energy generation in accordance with Core Strategy Policy CS23.

Conclusion

The proposal would be acceptable in principle and in relation to Neighbour amenity and streetscene. The application complies with local planning policies and is recommended for approval.

Recommendation

That planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions.

- 1) The development must be begun not later than the expiration of three years beginning with the date of this permission.

Reason: In order to comply with the requirements of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

- 2) The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans and documents :-

- a. Site Plan 1 - (received 17/12/2024).
- b. Site Plan 2 - (received 17/12/2024).
- c. Site Plan 3 - (received 17/12/2024).
- d. Site Plan 4 - (received 17/12/2024).
- e. Site Plan 5 - (received 17/12/2024).
- f. Site Plan 6 - (received 17/12/2024).
- g. Site Plan 7 - (received 17/12/2024).
- h. Site Plan 8 - (received 17/12/2024).
- i. Proposed Elevations - (received 17/12/2024).
- j. Leapton Solar Specification Sheet - (Received 17/12/2024)
- k. LED Batten Details - (Received 17/12/2024)
- l. Location Plan - (Received 17/12/2024)

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt.

<u>Signed Case Officer¹:</u>	<u>Andrew Hunt</u>
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<u>Date:</u>	<u>05/03/2025</u>

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Informatives

1) Liverpool John Lennon Airport

The contractor/developer should consult Liverpool Airport for permission to work if any demolition, excavation, crane or lifting equipment is to be used and its height exceeds 10 meters or that of the surrounding structures or trees. If deemed necessary due to the size of the crane an Instrument Flight Procedures (IFP) assessment will be carried out. Any costs incurred in carrying out this assessment will be met by the applicant.

