

## Thorpe Park latest position as at 2 April '14

### Planning approval

- Outline planning permission issued by LCC planners on 20 March
- Next stage likely to be SDG tender for main contractor - E&S obligations to be written into tender
- E&S plan to be developed with CHY for construction jobs once contractor has been approved/announced. E&S obligations to be passed onto sub contractors

### Number of jobs

- Gross number of construction jobs over 20-25 years approx. 10,050 FTE
- Proposals in the draft E&S plan indicates *"Increase in representation of East Leeds residents working on site to be around 25% of opportunities - c2,500 jobs"* (this is of the total jobs target of 10,325)
- Mainly level entry jobs
- Other outcomes for local people including local supply chain and small business development

### Apprenticeships

- V challenging targets
- Rule of thumb calculation – maximum 20% of the construction workforce on a given project will be new workforce entrants including 5% on formal apprentice schemes (needs supervision)
- Apprentices will be across a range of jobs – construction, administration, project management etc.

### Staged work

**Stage 1** – Design and enabling/technical works for Manston Lane Link Road and road bridge over the railway to the north of the site

Possible Opportunities at this stage

- School engagement for bridge design and information and types of jobs coming up and routes to employment
- Some construction jobs
- Large number of specialist sub contractors – archaeologists, architecture, legal services, environmental etc – limited influence of employment decisions.

However SDG commit to

- At tender stage technical consultants will be required to show evidence of track record of securing local benefits
- Evidence of commitment to local employment
- All appointed sub-contractors encouraged to prioritise local employment and develop apprenticeships where appropriate

**Stage 2** (up to 5 years of the 20-25 year programme)

- A number of lead and sub contractors to be appointed (£300m construction spend supporting estimated 3,315 construction job years)
  - At first stage tenders will be required to show evidence of track record of securing local benefits
  - Series of benchmarks for access, employment and training
  - Meet the buyer events
  - CHY will assist in the procurement process to maximise local opportunities
- 2 major projects worth potential for engaging local young people and level entry jobs – Green Park and the main construction of the Manston Lane Link Road (in partnership with EL and CHY looking at a guaranteed employment scheme for NEETs)
- Sectors where jobs and apprentices likely to be available are – Construction and construction management, scaffolding, joinery, landscaping, plastering, painting & decorating, admin

- Large schools engagement plan- linking opps. to curriculum, contractors to be involved with local lesson plans, making the park available for students for research projects, asking contractors for work experience opportunities

**Stage 3** (5-10 years of the 20-25 year programme)

- Retail development, housing programme, completion of the EL Orbital route
- Opportunities – 10,300 gross jobs – mixture of full/ part time and apprentices
- Mixed tenancy so jobs will include – hospitality, catering, retail, leisure, childcare, pharmaceuticals, high tech, accountancy and business admin, marketing/comms, HR, management, facilities/cleaning
- SDG will
  - Ask tenants to sign up to a voluntary charter to maximise local employment
  - Deliver a launch event for prospective occupiers, employment and training organisations, schools, FE college and third sector partners (not timescale)
  - Facilitate brokerage between EL and tenants
  - Identify pathways to employment