

Creating a centre of excellence for Consumer Healthcare in Weybridge



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The proposal site is located at The Heights Business Park, Weybridge. The site is adjacent to the Sony Europe building and has been subject to a number of previous planning applications.

Trees line the perimeter of the site, acting as a buffer and offering little views into the site from nearby paths and roads.

The site includes a small area of land located next to the side overflow visitor car park of the Sony Europe office, which has been identified as surplus to requirements by Sony.

Currently, the site comprises a grassed area of land with trees and hedgerow to the north and east. To the west, there is a pond surrounded by vegetation.



Map of the historic Brooklands Race Track



Aerial view of the site

Key Constraints and Opportunities

Working within these parameters, the key opportunities associated with the development of the site include:

- Urban area provides great access to nature - pond, trees, vegetation and biodiversity.
- Location of site allows for good vehicle access and connectivity.
- Good public transport links with Weybridge Station a 25 minute walk away.
- Opportunity for active transportation and cycling access.
- Rich and interesting site history.
- New headquarters allows opportunity to provide a purpose-built, state of the art building for the new Consumer Healthcare company.
- Opportunity to push sustainability and wellbeing design of the building, and provide a world-class headquarters for the building occupants.

There are also some constraints which will need to be considered throughout the design development, which include:

- The site has significant trees and vegetation surrounding it, particularly along the eastern boundary, in which the focus will be on the retention of the main, mature trees. This approach will be accompanied by an overall landscaping strategy, that will prioritise existing trees and vegetation.
- A small part of the site is within Flood Zone 3 and 2 to the west. Therefore, designing for flooding will form part of the design development.