

Prestwick International Aerospace Park - public consultation 26th August 2022 FAQs

- **What is the purpose of this public consultation?**

The public consultation is to provide an opportunity for interested parties to provide comments and feedback in advance of the planning application being submitted.
- **Why is Scottish Enterprise submitting this planning application?**

There is increasing occupier interest in manufacturing activity close to Prestwick Airport, so the planning application is to secure planning consent now to allow the proposed development to proceed quicker if / when an occupier is identified.
- **Is there an occupier identified?**

At this stage no specific occupier is signed up, although there is currently occupier interest in this type of development generally. The proposed layout is based on the design team's knowledge of similar manufacturing facilities, but can change if required to accommodate a specific occupier's requirements.
- **Will the development definitely happen?**

The planning application is to secure planning consent to allow the proposed development to proceed quicker if / when an occupier is identified. The planning consent will be valid for three years and so making the application now provides a significant opportunity for an appropriate occupier to come forward at any time over the next three years.
- **What is the timescale for development?**

It is anticipated that the planning application will be submitted in the next couple of months and that consent will therefore be granted early next year. The timescale for the delivery of the development is subject to confirmation of an occupier signing up for the facility (with the planning consent valid for three years).
- **How many / what type of jobs will be created?**

It depends on the occupier identified in due course.
- **Is this linked to the Spaceport?**

This application is for a manufacturing facility separate to the Spaceport proposals.
- **Is this being funded through the Ayrshire Growth Deal?**

Scottish Enterprise is submitting the planning application ourselves. At this stage the funding to develop the proposed facility has still to be confirmed.
- **What size is the proposed building?**

The proposed building footprint is c100,000 sq.ft, about half the size of the Collins Aerospace facility to the north.
- **How will this development impact on Monkton Village?**

The site is allocated in the Ayrshire Local Development Plan as part of the National Aerospace and Space Centre specifically for uses such as that proposed. It also benefits from planning permission in principle for this type of development. Any potential impacts on the environment and the local community will have been taken into account in making the allocation and in determining the planning permission in principle application but further technical reports relating to, for example, traffic, noise and ecology will be submitted with the application to ensure that is the case in respect of this development. This public consultation is to provide an opportunity for interested parties to provide comments and feedback in advance of the planning application being submitted and we will consider those comments when submitting the application.
- **What kind of manufacturing will be done in this building?**

Prestwick International Aerospace Park is zoned under the Local Development Plan for 'aerospace, space, defence, marine development and digital infrastructure'. We would expect this to be a High Value Manufacturing (HVM) activity in one of these sectors.

- **The Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) refers to “the manufacturing, testing and operations of electronic and telecommunications equipment” – what does that mean?**
It is manufacturing within the aerospace, space, defence, marine development and digital infrastructure sectors including assembly and testing etc.
- **Who can we contact for more information?**
Any persons wishing to obtain further information or to make comments on the proposal can do so by visiting www.scottish-enterprise.com/prestwick-planning and completing the on-line feedback form or by emailing info@auroraplanning.co.uk, as well as at the public consultation event.