

# Bruntwood SciTech submits plans to create 1,600 jobs at Alderley Park

Plans have been submitted for a major development at Alderley Park in Cheshire that have space for 1,600 jobs.

Bruntwood SciTech, a 50:50 joint venture between Bruntwood and Legal & General, is behind the proposals to deliver two new buildings for lab and office space, totalling around 200,000 sq ft.

Subject to permission being granted, 100,000 sq ft of new lab space would be created over five floors which would be suitable for both chemistry and biology uses, as well as associated write-up space.

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The new office building would provide 100,000 sq ft of workspace across six floors, offering coworking, serviced, leased, and made and managed spaces.

Bruntwood SciTech said the new developments would be suitable for life sciences, technology and healthcare companies, particularly those working in drug discovery and development, diagnostics, digital health and AI sectors.

In addition to its ongoing £247m investment, which has seen a complete redevelopment of the park, this will be the first newly built commercial space to be delivered since the site was acquired in 2014.

Dr Kath Mackay, director of Life Sciences, Bruntwood SciTech, said: "The life sciences sector has seen major growth in the UK over the last decade, with the UK now seeing a significant

lack of available lab space, which has the potential to hamper further growth if supply is not boosted.

“It is vital that we play our role in supporting investment into specialist infrastructure – unlocking growth to meet this growing demand, and keeping knowledge and innovation within the UK – which is what we are doing at Alderley Park and at our other life science campuses across the UK’s regions.

“At Alderley Park, we are committed to providing best-in-class life sciences facilities and these new plans are the next step in that journey.

“We will continue to support science and technology businesses across the UK and internationally, providing a global home for innovation and collaboration.”

Additionally, Bruntwood SciTech has submitted planning permission for new residential accommodation aimed at key workers.

This includes the redevelopment of a former office building into 109 new housing units, comprising a mix of studios and one-bed apartments.

The accommodation will be suitable for young graduates working in the life sciences and technology sectors on the campus, with a number of homes being available at circa 80% of market rent.

The proceeds raised following the sale of residential plots at Alderley Park will be reinvested into the new developments.

Bruntwood SciTech’s development team consists of Avison Young, Bridge Architects, Fairhurst Design Group, Leach Rhodes Walker, Buro Happold, Booth King, RBA and Planit-IE.

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