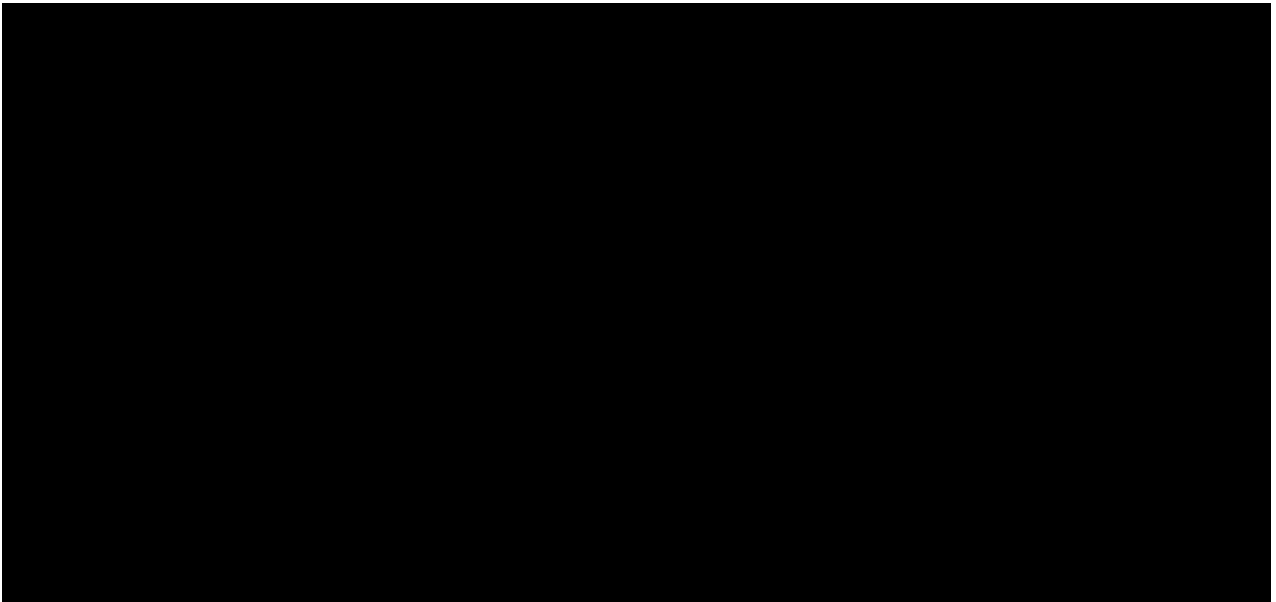


Moore Nature Reserve:

Introduction



Comment on Proposals for a Distribution Centre at Moore Nature Reserve

- According to the RSPB, Moore Nature Reserve is one of the best bird watching sites in Cheshire, known for its varied bird life, including all five species of British owl and all three species of woodpecker.
- Moore Nature Reserve comprises almost 200 acres of woodland, meadows, lakes and ponds. The reserve is a rich matrix of woodland, water areas (5 lakes), grassland and scrub all of which provide precious biodiversity and varied habitats for wildlife
- The reserve was developed in the late 1980s following extraction for sand, on land which was formerly used as farmland, woodland and for mineral extraction. It is currently managed by FCC Environment.
- Prior to this period, the area included undisturbed areas of woodland, scrub, ponds and grassland which have since been incorporated into the nature reserve.
- The reserve is situated close to the village of Moore and is a popular resource used by with locals and visitors from further afield.
- Schools, colleges and universities use the site as an educational resource, and guided walks and other assistance is provided by the wardens. Volunteer groups carry out practical conservation work and wildlife monitoring to assist in the continuing good management of the reserve. A programme of events helps everybody become involved and learn about the wildlife and history of Moore Nature Reserve.

The location of a distribution Centre would:

- Fail totally to adhere to Warrington BC's Local Plan Review Objective W5 to: **“.....protect, enhance, and embrace the borough's built and natural assets”**
- Eradicate the long established habitats of the reserve.

- Fail to protect an area of countryside and undisturbed habitat the like of which is becoming increasingly rare under the pressure for development and intensive farming.
- Put intensive pressure on the quiet narrow lanes and tracks in the area, which are a valuable recreational resource for the village of Moore.
- Impact negatively on the unique landscape of the Ship Canal and landscape resource as a corridor for wildlife.
- Impact negatively and detract from the visual amenity of the area and the village edge of Moore along Moss Lane.

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