

**Email from Lucy O' Doherty, Development Plans Manager, St. Helens Council
confirming latest position regarding Omega West.**

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Hi Michael,

On Friday 14 October, the Combined Authority announced that engagement on the Liverpool City Region Spatial Development Strategy will be delayed in order to gain a greater understanding of the Government's policy direction, timing and implications on matters such as:

- the recently announced Investment Zones;
- the implications for a more simplified planning regime;
- calculating housing numbers; and
- the awaited updates to the national planning policy framework.

There is no timetable provided for when the next stage of engagement on the SDS will be undertaken.

Please see here for the CA's announcement on the matter - <https://www.liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk/update-on-development-of-the-spatial-development-strategy/>

St Helens Borough Council will not be in a position to make a decision on Omega West with respect to the Duty to Cooperate, beyond that already formally agreed as part of the St Helens Borough Local Plan until such time as the SDS and its supporting evidence base is further advanced. At this point in time, it is not known whether this will fall within the timescales of the Warrington Local Plan Examination.

I trust this update is useful.

Thanks
Lucy
