

Cumbria Sub-Regional Employment Sites Programme

Cumbria County Council / North West Development Agency



Brief

BE Group, with Faber Maunsell, was commissioned to identify a potential portfolio of sub-regional employment sites in locations with good market demand.

The study was an extension of the Cumbria Soft End Use Land Reclamation Programme, which has earmarked circa £10 million investment over a five year timescale.

The aim was to shortlist four or five sites from a baseline of some 45-50 sites already identified by stakeholders and partners.



Activities

Stage 1 assessment included market attractiveness, ownership, physical constraints, development potential, economic impact, and cost and acceptability in planning terms.

Stage 2 assessment addressed site values, access, ground conditions and remediation requirements, transport, infrastructure and environmental issues.

Indicative investment works and costs were provided, together with recommendations including options for delivery, funding and timescales.



Outcome

A potential portfolio of sites was identified at locations in Carlisle, Kendal and Ulverston.

NWDA agreed to fund acquisitions by Carlisle City Council and Cumbria County Council.

BE Group have been re-appointed by NWDA and Cumbria CC to seek to acquire the identified sites.

