

Cabot Carbon

- Where:** Stanlow, Ellesmere Port
- Size:** Nine hectares
- Planned investment:** £499,370 (Newlands investment) plus £212,000 (ERDF Objective two)
- Partners:** Groundwork Wirral, Ellesmere Port and Neston Borough Council, British Waterways, The Mersey Forest, Cabot Carbon Ltd and Chemicals Northwest
- Site context:** Within the Stanlow industrial area, this site is on land of the chemical company, Cabot Carbon, dissected by the Shropshire Union Canal, and is highly visible from the strategic transport corridor. Whilst the site is a former car park and expansion largely devoid of natural habitats, some wetland and hedgerows remain. The site is close to the residential area of Wolverham and a number of existing Mersey Forest woodlands and other DUN sites. At present, this site is struggling with several social issues – in the past it has attracted heavy fly tipping and vandalism, is at risk from travellers and it has minimal public access, making it isolated, which attracts anti-social behaviour.
- Future:** The work on the Cabot Carbon site will contribute to the wider regeneration of Ellesmere Port in line with the Council's 4M Economic Development Zone, North West Cheshire Woodland Strategy and the New Vision for Stanlow Developments on this site will be dovetailed into existing, established woodlands on Cabot Carbon's periphery and links with the Highways Agency will ensure cohesion with its planting. Treatment of this site is primarily targeted at improving the image and perception of the industrial area to encourage new investment and attract and retain workforce. New uses will serve the local communities of Wolverham and the workforce of the area, providing valuable recreation, leisure and amenity and quality of place. Plans to develop this site include new native woodland planting (including wet woodland and oak plantations), expansion of existing woodland and hedge areas, the creation of a new foot / cycle path and enhanced site access and security.