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Major development on the horizon for Chinley?



DERELICT: the former Dorma site in Chinley looks set to be redeveloped. Photo contributed.

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NEW homes, commercial premises and community facilities could be built on a former derelict factory as part of a major regeneration project in the heart of the High Peak.

The move comes after Copperleaf, a Cheshire-based property development and construction firm, acquired the 28-acre former Dorma Factory site in Chinley.

The firm is now looking to work with the local community and interested parties on drawing up development plans for the site.

Mark Whyllie, Managing Director of Copperleaf, said: "Copperleaf is currently at the early stages of developing a mixed use scheme comprising community facilities, commercial development and residential properties that would secure the regeneration of the site which has lain derelict to the south of the village of Chinley since 2005.

"We are committed to working with the local community on this project and look forward to engaging with local stakeholders later in the summer."

Copperleaf has appointed Manchester-based planning and development consultancy Hourigan Connolly to lead negotiations with High Peak Borough Council.

Discussions with the council are at an early stage and a public consultation event will be held later this year prior to the submission of a planning application.

Marc Hourigan, of Hourigan Connolly, said: "We are delighted to be working with Copperleaf.

"The Dorma site is precisely the sort of sustainably-located brownfield opportunity that the government's Planning for Growth agenda envisages making an important contribution to regeneration, housing, economic and community priorities."

Copperleaf specialise in property development and construction across the North West.

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