

# Industrial estate revamp revealed

**More than £4m of funding, which will create 1,200 jobs, has been secured for a major redevelopment of Widnes's West Bank dock estate.**

The Stobart Group is redeveloping the Cheshire site into a road, rail and water freight distribution facility.

However, the derelict industrial area will first have to be decontaminated due to its chemical heritage.

The Stobart Group is working in partnership with Halton Borough Council to regenerate the area.

The grant was given by the Northwest Regional Development Agency (NWDA).

Councillor Rob Polhill, from Halton Borough Council, said: "The regeneration of the West Bank Dock estate area is vitally important for the entire borough as it is adjacent to the Silver Jubilee Bridge at the entrance to Widnes and Merseyside.

"For many years it has been unsightly and in a dilapidated condition and I'm pleased that this important investment by Stobart will go a long way towards improving the appearance of Widnes."



The area has a history of chemical contamination