



The connected logistics park

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### The 3MG Partners



**Stobart Group**



### Background to the Stobart Group

**Stobart Group** is a FTSE 250 Organisation based at over 40 sites in the UK, Ireland and Europe. In 2009 Eddie Stobart was recognised as the 23<sup>rd</sup> best known brand in the UK.

The Group provides road, rail, sea and inland waterway transport and logistics solutions to its customers employing over 5,300 people and operating more than 1,850 tractor units and drawbars, 3,000 trailers and around 7 million square feet of high specification warehousing at sought after locations across the UK. The Group runs 5 UK and 1 international rail service.

The business aims to optimise its fleet utilisation to reduce environmental waste and improve its carbon footprint through 'Greener logistics solutions'

### Eddie Stobart Limited

Operates a primary, specialised and chilled fleet of vehicles with 80% of vehicles already compliant with stringent Euro 4/5 emission standards. The division also manages more than 7m sq ft of modern warehouse facilities at key transport hubs across the UK and in Europe

### Stobart Developments

Responsible for the development and improvement of Group property holdings, concentrating on the regeneration of brown field sites into valuable business space. Specializing in Contaminated land recovery in order to bring jobs and property to numerous urban locations around the UK.

## **Stobart Rail**

Comprises two divisions, Rail Infrastructure Engineering and Rail Freight. Stobart Rail recently completed the 500,000sq ft Cold Store at Widnes and is currently delivering significant infrastructure developments at Stobarts Carlisle and Southend Airports.

## **Stobart Ports**

Manages 6 Daily trains through its Widnes operation originating in the UK Deep Sea ports of Felixstowe and Tilbury and serving South East Asian Import trade. The Port of Weston on the Manchester Ship Canal is set to become a key feeder port complementing Stobarts commitment to environmentally responsible distribution.

## **Stobart Air**

Operates two complimentary airports at Southend & Carlisle. Carlisle is being developed as a major freight interchange serving Scotland, whilst Southend has recently secured approval for a runway extension and Railway station – connecting the airport with Liverpool Street London in 49 minutes and Stratford Olympic Village in 42 minutes.

## **3MG**

A public and private sector partnership, 3MG is supported by Halton Borough Council, The Stobart Group, the Northwest Regional Development Agency and the Government Office for the Northwest. When complete the project will provide 3.5million sq ft of warehousing, creating up to 5000 new jobs, reclaiming up to 200 acres of contaminated land, with investment of over £100million.

The development of 3MG will position Halton as one of the most significant intermodal hubs in the country. The first development will see Tesco open a chilled distribution operation in Summer 2010.

In the future 3MG will realise the potential for developing a major new rail/road freight handling and logistics park within Halton covering roughly 180 hectares. 3MG will also benefit from the New Mersey Gateway. This is a £431m project which will see a landmark bridge link the towns of Runcorn and Widnes.

## **Halton's Strategic Ambitions**

3MG is just one of many new developments that are changing the face of Halton. 3MG contributes to the Council's ambitions by supporting the development of a strong economy, improving the employment opportunities for local people and developing a culture where learning is valued and skills set are raised. 3MG is helping to transform the physical infrastructure and attractiveness and appearance of the area. In the long term these factors will contribute to an overall more positive experience of life for residents through improved health and safer communities.

## **A complete Employment Offer**

The Halton Employment Partnership offers a single point of contact for employment needs. It brings together the following key partners

- Learning and Skills Council
- Skills for Logistics
- Riverside College
- Job Centre Plus
- Halton People Into Jobs
- Halton Borough Council
- World Class Training

The Partnership ensures that inward investors have a readily available skilled workforce to mirror the new job creation in the area. Support is available through the Partnership to train individuals who are not currently in employment. Specialist course designers work with businesses to create learning programmes to develop people with the skill sets that businesses need. The Local Employment Partnership encourages businesses to employ local people where possible.

The Partnership provides in work support beyond the successful appointment of employees by training employees. The Partnership provides support to enhance skills and competencies of the current work force through the Train to Gain service, improve basic skills training and training and development for supervisory management and leadership roles. The in work support helps to embed new staff and encourages business to make the most of apprenticeships.

## **3MG Key Facts**

- The Masterplan was adopted by Halton Borough Council in 2004
- Funding has been secured from NWDA - £7.9 million, ERDF Objective 2 - £2 million, WREN - £72,000 and £50,000 from Biffa. A further £1.1 million has been agreed in principal from the NWDA
- £100 million Private sector investment over the next 5 years
- The site is at the heart of a region with over 8 million people
- The site has direct rail access to the West Coast Main Line
- There are direct connections to the UK motorway network
- Liverpool and Manchester airports are within 30 minutes by road
- Close to the Port of Liverpool
- The operational Intermodal terminal facility handles in excess of 120,000 containers per year including over 65,000 containers by rail
- The site has daily links to / from key deep sea ports in Tilbury and Felixstowe
- The rail freight park covers 200 hectares
- There is 800,000 sq. ft. of new buildings potentially rising to 3.5 million sq. ft in the future
- Construction of four new rail reception sidings will allow an increased terminal capacity of up to 16 trains per day
- Building up to 60,000 sq. ft of prestigious office space
- Creating up to 5,000 jobs