

HEREFORD ENTERPRISE ZONE, ROTHERWAS



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Straight Mile cycleway/walkway

Work has commenced this week on the new cycleway/walkway along the Straight Mile. This work, commissioned by the Enterprise Zone, is being undertaken by local contractors Owen Pell. This new route has been designed to assist the access for and the east-west flow of commuting and leisure cyclists and pedestrians along the Straight Mile, from JCB Gunn at the western end through to the eastern boundary of the Enterprise Zone. This first phase will take approximately 15 weeks and should be ready for use by the end of October. Phase 2 will provide landscaping and seating areas, and will follow the completion of phase 1. The works will require short term traffic management at times on the Straight Mile.

New security centre marches ahead in fight against cyber crime

A joint venture between the University of Wolverhampton and Herefordshire Council has secured £9 million funding to develop a new Centre for Cyber Security on Skylon Park.

The new Centre will offer high quality research facilities through the University's Cyber Security Research Institute as well as providing office space for cyber businesses and advanced training facilities designed specifically to tackle threats in cyberspace.

Cybercrime currently costs the UK between £18 billion and £27 billion a year. 65% of all large UK companies reported a breach in the last year and threats to cyber security are persistent and constantly evolving.

The new centre will firmly establish Skylon Park as a natural home for cyber security research and innovation, putting us at the cutting edge of this pioneering field. There is already a cluster of businesses working within the growing cyber security sector and the centre will be vital to building on this expertise in the coming years.

Skylon Park is the only Enterprise Zone in the country to focus on the defence and security sector and our aim, through working in collaboration with the University of Wolverhampton, will be to build on the base of 70 plus small businesses operating locally in this market.

The new Centre will provide innovation workspace for small and start-up businesses to operate from, offering consultancy support from the University and shared facilities including laboratory space and training rooms. It will offer a range of specialist facilities for the cyber sector including server space and high speed broadband as well as research and development laboratory space.

Building works are expected to start on the site in November 2018 with completion expected by spring 2020.



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Latest investors on Skylon Park

Acticare

Expanding local company Acticare will soon be moving into their new premises on the corner of the Straight Mile and Vincent Carey Road. The company is a leading provider of equipment and products to Care Homes throughout the UK. The move will enable the company to substantially expand its current workforce, offering more job opportunities to local people.



Melcon



Local electrical engineering, consultancy and contracting company Melcon purchased a site on Vincent Carey Road in October 2017 and moved into the completed development in March — the fastest development on the Skylon Park to date!

Centenary Park

Following a period of ground raising and levelling work, the large central site on the Straight Mile/Chapel Road is ready for development. Priority Space Hereford have mobilised their contractors who are now starting work on site. They will be building high quality offices and workshops which will be available to buy or let. There has already been a lot of interest in these units.

Offices of between 307 and 14,700 sq ft, and industrial units of between 1,000 and 10,500 sq ft will be available from early 2019.

Further information available at

<https://www.skylonpark.co.uk/sites/high-quality-units-available-to-rent/centenary-park.aspx#.W1BqT9JKipo>



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Coming soon...

The Shell Store

An announcement on the proposals for the refurbishment of the former munitions factory on the North Magazine is expected within the next few days. Full details will be provided in due course.



Spoil heap project

Those of you who use the Greenway cycleway will be aware of large heaps of earth on the North Magazine site. In order to provide more space for development on this site, a project has been developed to move this material. This will result in a substantial number of lorry movements over the coming months. Disruption will be kept to a minimum, but we apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused during this period.

Companies in the Enterprise Zone benefit from:

- Simplified planning process, with planning already approved for the majority of investors
- Superfast broadband
- Local business sponsorship & increase in business profile
- Help with skills and recruitment

Businesses in the following sectors are eligible to take advantage of the benefits of locating on Skylon Park:

- Defence & Security
- Advanced Manufacturing/ Engineering
- Food & Drink
- Sustainable Technologies
- Business Services

If your business falls outside of these sectors, more information about land availability elsewhere in the county can be accessed by calling 01432 261758.

Key achievements on Skylon Park to date

- Key 37 acres of land sold or developed in 21 separate sales/transactions
- 26 acres of land under negotiations under 11 separate sales/development
- 41,500 sqm of workspace built, under construction, committed to be built
- 20,000 sqm in sales under negotiation
- 38 businesses on site
- 635 jobs on site to date of which 286 are new jobs

