

Slough International Freight Exchange+

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Background

Goodman is developing proposals for a new freight exchange facility on land to the north of the A4 in Colnbrook. If approved, this will become one of the three to four new intermodal exchanges that are required to serve London and the South East.

With a need to move freight away from the road network to more sustainable methods of transport and with three to four new 'intermodal interchanges' required to serve London and the South East, this proposal is being put forward as the UK seeks to move freight from the road network to these more sustainable methods of transport, such as rail.

The Colnbrook site is close to the West Drayton railway junction, the A4, M25 and M4, which is an excellent location for a new intermodal facility. The scheme would enable goods to be received from ports, the Channel Tunnel and other distribution centres, which could then be stored on site before being transferred for delivery elsewhere.

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View from Old Wood

What is Goodman proposing?

Goodman's proposals for a new rail freight exchange would feature:

- + A new distribution centre and intermodal freight exchange, which would be accessed by both road and rail. In addition to the new rail infrastructure and warehouses, a mix of new green spaces, servicing infrastructure and parking areas would be provided.
- + Approximately 185,000 square metres of warehouse floorspace would be provided for storage and distribution businesses. Each warehouse would include areas for the storage of goods and offices. Extensive use would be made of 'green' construction technologies.
- + New infrastructure and loading areas would include railway sidings and two overhead gantry cranes, so containers can be moved from rail to road vehicles and vice-versa.
- + A new road access to the site with a manned control point would be created off the A4 in order to serve the development. A routing plan would be introduced in order to keep lorries away from central Colnbrook and other local roads.
- + The Colne Valley Way, alongside the Colne Brook, would be retained and enhanced with new surfacing, signage, tree planting and wetland habitat creation. Old Wood would be brought under active management and enhanced with new planting, a surfaced footpath and targeted habitat creation.
- + A new lorry park providing facilities for off-site HGV parking with drivers' rest facilities.

How would the facility work?

In essence, the scheme would accept goods from ports, the Channel Tunnel and other distribution centres, providing on-site storage, prior to onward delivery to intended destinations.

The facility is expected to attract around nine trains per day inbound and outbound, which would be spread throughout the day. Trains would access the site via the Colnbrook branch line, which connects to the Great Western Mainline at West Drayton junction.

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0800 298 7040



View of proposed Unit B, including one of two overhead gantry cranes to transfer containers

Project timescales

Following the exhibition, the project team will review the feedback received, taking comments into account, where possible. It is hoped that a planning application will be finalised and submitted to Slough Borough Council later this autumn.

During the winter of 2009 and spring of 2010, the application will be considered by the council and other consultees, including the Highways Authority and the Environment Agency. Subject to the granting of planning permission, Goodman expects that works will start on site during 2011.

Questions, comments and feedback

Should you have any questions about the proposals for the new intermodal freight exchange, please feel free to contact the project team via its dedicated information line – 0800 298 7040. You are also welcome to contact us via email at feedback@consultation-online.co.uk

All of the information relating to the proposals is available to view via www.consultation-online.co.uk/sife

About Goodman

Goodman is an integrated property group that owns, develops and manages industrial and business space globally. Goodman primarily invests in business parks, office parks, industrial estates and warehouse and distribution centres.

Goodman has more than 25 years experience of creating effective modern logistics developments.