

New signage

It will not have gone unnoticed that a BAE Systems monolith sign has recently been erected at the site of the new entrance. The sign stands 5.0 metres high and 2.0 metres wide and weighs 685 kilo.

The BAE Systems logo is internally illuminated with additional floodlight illumination to the main body of the sign unit.



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Samlesbury site

development update May 2009



Welcome to the May edition of the Samlesbury development newsletter. Things are really gathering momentum now and already in 2009 we have achieved a number of key milestones including the opening of our new reception and entrance and sign-off of the multi-million pound contract for the F35 Lightning II Machining facility. In addition, preparations are well underway to celebrate the official opening of the Phase 1 Development in May.

We have also recently launched a green travel plan that is designed to encourage employees to look at alternative ways of travelling to work and which, in turn, will help to reduce congestion on our roads and the impact on the environment – interest so far is very positive.



This newsletter will continue to be issued throughout 2009 and I hope you find it interesting and informative. If you have any issues or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Dave Holmes
Director – Investment and Infrastructure Services



Latest development

Work started on the new F-35 Lightning II Machining facility at Samlesbury in February, following the signing of a multi-million pound construction contract. The facility will be ready to receive plant and equipment in March 2010 before becoming operational in September 2010.

Environmental considerations were important in the design of 610 building. To reduce the carbon footprint and running costs, the building will feature energy-efficient heating and ventilation, there will be full metering of energy use, water-reducing features are included and lighting will be controlled by motion and daylight sensors.

In support of the Samlesbury site travel plan, a bus stop, cycle paths, cycle shelters and shower facilities will also be provided.

Road improvements

The roadworks around the BAE Systems Samlesbury site, which will improve traffic flow and create a safer environment for all road users, have now been completed on schedule by Lancashire County Council. Further improvements will include the introduction of a 50 mph speed limit on the A59.



New main gate reception opened

The new Samlesbury reception and main gate entrance were opened for business on 24th March together with a visitor car park for 150 vehicles. The closure of both Stoopey Lane and the main gate entrances happened in parallel. The Canberra Club, now located outside of the security fence, also has a new and dedicated entrance.

Wind turbine

Near to the reception an eye-catching wind turbine has been erected, that will generate 10% of the energy consumed by the building. The aerodynamic helical blade design results in very smooth, quiet operation.

The device consists of a 6 KW 5m high turbine, weighing 450 kg and is mounted on a 9 metre mast. The minimum speed is 8.9 mph and the maximum is 31.3 mph (above this speed the turbine will close down). At these speeds the output is between 0.5kw and 6.2kw.



Nigel Blenkinsop, Samlesbury site Director welcomes Rev. Roland Nicholson BAE Systems Industrial Chaplain as he arrives to bless the new building.

Opening Ceremony

Following completion of the Phase 1 Development, an official opening ceremony will take place on 20th May, when BAE Systems' senior team will host both local dignitaries and employees to celebrate this significant milestone.

Prior to this on the 10th of May, there will be an evening light show centred on the new buildings which will be filmed in preparation for showing at the opening event.

Samlesbury Travel Plan

A car-sharing scheme has been established for employees. The scheme, which is designed to reduce travel costs as well as congestion and pollution, is accessed over the internet, and enables employees to share lifts to any destination.

Launched two months ago, over 700 employees from two sites (Samlesbury and Warton) have shown an interest.

Also, following an employee survey to gauge interest, BAE Systems is looking at the feasibility of introducing a subsidised bus service on a number of key routes which will help reduce traffic to the Samlesbury site.

Finally, we are encouraging employees to get healthy and do their bit for the environment by cycling to work. Throughout BAE Systems employees now have access to a discount cycle scheme.