

Head of Site appointed for Long Marston

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Porterbrook has announced the appointment of Mark Knowles as Head of Site for the Long Marston rail facility.

Mark brings to this new role a wide range of first-hand operational and engineering experience.

Previous senior roles include Managing Director of Arriva Train Care and Interim Engineering Director at Knorr-Bremse Rail Services. Mark has also supported a range of rail related businesses in a consultancy role.

As well as supporting initial mobilisation at the Long Marston site, he will also take on long-term development and operational management of the Warwickshire facility.

Jason Groombridge, Director of Engineering Services, commented: "We are delighted to have attracted such a high calibre candidate. Mark brings deep knowledge of the rail industry and shares our passion and vision for the Long Marston facility."

Mark Knowles, Head of Site, said: "I am really proud to have been appointed by Porterbrook to oversee the transformation of this historic location to meet the needs of the future railway. I look forward to working

with colleagues across our company and industry to make this a reality.”

Mark will be reporting to Neil Foster, Fleet Services Director.

Porterbrook takes over the Long Marston facility at the end of June 2021, under a 15-year lease with site owner St. Modwen. The extensive rail-connected rail facility covers 135 acres and consists of 12 miles of storage sidings, a two-mile test-track loop, a short length of electrified line and a number of rail served light maintenance structures.

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