

Siemens Mobility opens new sustainable Distribution and Logistics Centre for Rail in Kettering

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Siemens Mobility has unveiled its new Kettering Distribution and Logistics Centre for Rail, which will provide warehousing and logistics services for seven train maintenance depots across the south of England. It will initially create around 20 direct jobs, including apprenticeships and internships, with potential for growth in the future. These roles sit within the end-to-end capability of the train components logistics in the UK with a central team of around 30 colleagues supporting materials management and planning.

Sambit Banerjee, Joint UK CEO for Siemens Mobility said: “Once again, I’m proud to open a new Siemens Mobility facility in the UK.

“Bringing together our distribution and logistics capabilities allows us to focus on delivering the best service for our train maintenance activities and keep availability and reliability for passengers at the

forefront of what we do, all whilst driving down our logistics carbon footprint by 30 per cent.

“Our continued investment is a testament to our long-term commitment to the UK, leveraging the imagination and ambition of our 5,500 UK employees to transform rail travel and transport.”

Overall, the Kettering Distribution and Logistics Centre for Rail and its twin facility in Goole, which is currently in its construction phase, will serve all 13 of Siemens Mobility’s depots and service facilities in the UK. The 100,000 square foot Kettering warehouse is a new materials and logistics hub for the south of England, storing materials for train owning companies and operators for train fleets in the Midlands to the South Coast.

Components will include bogies, wheelsets, traction motors, brake systems all the way down to nuts and bolts. The facility will support services in our Bedford, Northampton, Hornsey, Three Bridges, Temple Mills, Slade Green and Southampton depots: keeping the UK’s trains and passengers moving. The Siemens Mobility UK train fleets make up almost a quarter of UK passenger trains.

The Mayor of Kettering, Councillor Emily Fedorowycz said: “It was a great pleasure to open the new Siemens Mobility warehouse in Kettering and meet some of the new employees keeping the UK trains moving. It is fantastic that Siemens are bringing new jobs to Kettering, whilst driving sustainable solutions for train maintenance facilities local to the midlands.”

Siemens has a global aim to reach carbon neutral operation by 2030. In addition to the 30 per cent reduction in our logistics carbon footprint, the new warehouse in Kettering has a number of green credentials including EV car chargers on site and a rainwater harvesting system which collects and recycles water to use around the site. The site also uses electric pallet trucks, to manoeuvre goods and materials.

The new Distribution and Logistics Centre will build on Siemens Mobility’s commitment to sustainability and digitalisation by ensuring materials are only ordered when they are needed and stored closer to the point of use. The facility will use intelligent and innovative storage and transport planning systems, which will support better planning and give greater visibility across the supply chain. The facility will offer same day and next day critical train spares and materials to our network of UK train depots to enhance our rail maintenance operations and reduce our carbon footprint.

Siemens Mobility employs c.5,500 people in the UK and supports the rail industry from the first mile to the last, covering signalling, electrification, software, and manufacturing and maintaining trains. This announcement follows Siemens Mobility wider investments in the UK, which most recently include a £200 million Goole Rail Village and £100 million in a new signalling and control systems factory in Chippenham.