

## **Growing in Milton Keynes**



## John Lewis has announced it will open a third distribution centre in Milton Keynes.

The new centre will consist of 638,000 sq ft

John Lewis opened its first Milton Keynes Distribution Centre at Magna Park in 2009 and is currently employing 470 staff. This national distribution centre replenishes shops and packing orders to send direct to customers.

Milton Keynes is a central location and therefore offers good road links for country wide distribution; it also allows the opportunity to use the on-going development and growth of the city to construct bespoke warehousing. Milton Keynes is an attractive location for Partners to live and to commute to and there is a good resource pool at all skill levels and because of these benefits a long standing relationship with Milton Keynes has developed.

"We are constantly striving to improve the service that we offer to our customers".

"For the supply chain this means improving availability".

"Magna Park Milton Keynes gives us the space we need and allows us to continue to build on improvements we have made in providing better service to our shops and customers at a lower cost"

Dino Rocos - Distribution Director, John Lewis





## **Milton Keynes Expansion**

John Lewis has opened a second Distribution Centre of 675,000 sq ft, creating 450 new jobs, and has now announced that it will be opening a third centre of 638,000 sq ft. The buildings will be located adjacent to John Lewis's first 650,000 sq ft distribution centre at Magna Park Milton Keynes. The facilities will be used to further support the retailer's distribution of products to its stores across the UK, as well as support the rapid growth of its online business.

**Partnership Working** 

John Lewis and Milton Keynes Council have worked closely together on all three developments, including Milton Keynes Council's planning department who were involved at an early stage.

John Lewis works closely with local suppliers and support's many local charities.

## **Environmental innovation**

Gazeley partnered with John Lewis three years ago to develop a highly sustainable automated distribution centre in Milton Keynes.

The building's eco measures include, rain water harvesting and recycling, energy efficient lighting, solar thermal panels, low water use appliances, FSC approved timber, solar photovoltaic panels, low toxicity paints, recycled and recyclable materials and local provenance vegetation.

"The Magna Park Milton Keynes centre was always designed with expansion in mind".

"Even the car park can grow from 350 spaces to 500 to cope with seasonal uptake of staff at Christmas".

"The machinery is designed in a modular way to expand automation in line with growth". John Munnelly, Senior Project Manager, Distribution, John Lewis

"It's a great location for our business with fantastic connectivity and a skilled community who can support our growth."

Terry Murphy Head of National Distribution Centres, John Lewis

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