Amazon Plans to Extend Rugeley Fulfilment Centre and Create 350 New Permanent Jobs

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Amazon has today announced it has submitted a planning application to expand its fulfilment centre in Rugeley. If the application is successful, 350 new permanent jobs will be created at the Towers Business Park centre.

The planning application seeks permission to create a new entrance to the building and construct a new roundabout within the site to enhance traffic flow in and out of the centre. Additional car parking spaces are also proposed, plus a new bus stop on site. The interior of the building, which is already home to many millions of products, will be reconfigured in order to double its capacity.

Amazon opened its Rugeley fulfilment centre in September 2011 and currently employs over 600 permanent Amazon associates. Across the UK Amazon employs more than 7,000 permanent employees, 5,800 of these are permanent employees in UK fulfilment centres. In 2013 Amazon created 15,000 temporary positions in the run up to Christmas.

Councillor George Adamson, Leader of Cannock Chase Council, said: “A planning application has been received which, if approved, will see the expansion of Amazon's distribution capacity at their warehouse in Rugeley. Amazon's proposal to invest further in Rugeley is to be warmly welcomed, together with the new jobs that would be created. This shows that Cannock Chase is an attractive place to invest and create jobs for local people”.

Amazon has invested over £1billion in its UK Operations. Amazon also supports the British economy by purchasing goods and services from British suppliers, over the last 5 years more than £1billion has been paid to delivery companies like Royal Mail to deliver packages across the UK. Amazon also has UK fulfilment centres in Doncaster, Dunfermline, Gourock, Hemel Hempstead, Milton Keynes, Peterborough and Swansea Bay.

Amazon expects to create around 2,500 seasonal roles at its Rugeley this Christmas.

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