

Media Release

Lend Lease Launches Symposium To Facilitate Local Benefits During The Construction Of The North Wales Prison

Wales, 27 January 2015: Lend Lease's Construction business, selected to build the North Wales Prison on behalf of the Ministry of Justice, will hold an Employment, Skills and Engagement Symposium to determine how best to deliver its commitments to the community during the construction of the new prison. The commitments include 100 new apprenticeships and 500 work placement days per year.

The Symposium takes place on January 30 at the Glyndŵr University in Wrexham and is being delivered by the Employment, Skills and Engagement Committee, a partnership between Lend Lease, the Ministry of Justice, Wrexham County Borough Council, and the North Wales Economic Ambition Board. Alun Cairns MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Wales will be opening the event. Delegates will be able to attend a series of workshops and listen to a number of speakers representing the partner organisations. They will highlight the breadth of opportunities available during the construction phase, and the most effective ways to participate.

In addition, delegates will be encouraged to provide feedback and their own ideas on how the committee can most effectively deliver the wide ranging benefits resulting from the construction of the new prison.

The new prison development for North Wales began in the summer and is due to be fully completed by the end of 2017. Over the next two years, Lend Lease has committed to a range of opportunities for local students and workers for the duration of the construction phase, including the new apprenticeships and 500 work placement days per year for people of all ages.

Furthermore, 50 per cent of the workforce will be recruited locally and Lend Lease is spending £30m with local businesses (within 50 miles/one hour commute of the site) and £50m with Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).

Simon Caron, Lend Lease's Project Director, said: "Working with our partners in the Employment, Skills and Engagement Committee, we believe the construction of North Wales Prison should create a long-term legacy for the immediate community and wider North Wales region. The Symposium is a key first step, bringing together the community and key stakeholders to facilitate an important exchange of ideas on how best to deliver the employment and business opportunities.

"The Symposium is also indicative of Lend Lease's wider commitment to providing significant social and economic benefits in all of its work. Our mantra is people creating the best places for people, which informs everything we do, including how we work in partnership with the communities."



* The Employment and Skills Symposium is taking place on Friday 30 January 12pm–4pm at Glyndwr University, Wrexham, LL112AW (Catrin Finch Centre),

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About Lend Lease

1. Lend Lease is a leading international property and infrastructure group. In the UK, it is the only fully integrated retail, residential and commercial provider delivering end-to-end property solutions. The company has core capabilities in development, investment management, construction, asset and property management.
2. Lend Lease is behind some of London's largest and most exciting mixed-use regeneration projects such as Elephant & Castle and The International Quarter.
3. Lend Lease is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange and operates in four key regions – Australia, Asia, Americas and Europe. The group has more than 13,200 employees worldwide.
4. Lend Lease is listed on the Dow Jones World Sustainability Index (DJSI) and in 2012 ranked in the top eight per cent of property companies, achieving scores of 90 per cent or higher in a range of categories.

About the Symposium

Invites will be distributed directly from Ministry of Justice and the Wales Office. For further information on the event or interview opportunities. Please contact directly regarding the event on : emily.poyser@justice.gsi.gov.uk or 020 3334 4582/ 07827 084 182