

SYSTRA's transport advice supports Sunderland's Crown Works Studios development

Transport planning and highway engineering advice produced by SYSTRA's Signature Team enabled the successful planning approval for the biggest film and television studios in Europe on the banks of the River Wear, Sunderland.

SYSTRA's Signature Team have been instrumental in supporting the new 38-acre Crown Works Studios in Sunderland, which will unlock significant economic investment and regeneration for the immediate and wider area.

Commissioned by the developer FullwellCain, SYSTRA experts provided transport planning advice and the technical reports to accompany the planning application, and also prepared the preliminary design of roadworks and road infrastructure. Working closely and collaboratively with a team of planners, architects and engineers, SYSTRA's Development Planning Team from the company's Newcastle, Leeds and Manchester offices, were instrumental in supporting the application through the planning process.

Drawing upon local knowledge, their skills and expertise from around the UK, SYSTRA's team delivered a complex analysis of traffic movements and their impacts on the local area. They worked closely with Sunderland City Council's Highways Department and National Highways to provide a series of traffic impact mitigation proposals and the detailed formal Environmental Impact Assessment.

Terry Dale, Associate Director at SYSTRA, said: "We are thrilled and proud to have helped enable such a high profile and important development which will undoubtedly transform the local economy and propel the North East further on the international stage.

"Our local knowledge, experience and professionalism has helped create a vision for Sunderland that will allow its people and economy to thrive, and we're all really invested in seeing the studio flourish in the years to come."

Sunderland City Council has now approved the £450m Crown Works Studios, which is expected to generate £336m in GVA per year for the UK's economy. The site is located at the former Pallion shipyard on the south side of the River Wear and is set to become the biggest film studios in Europe.

The Crown Works Studios development will provide a new home for Britain's flourishing creative sector as the state-of-the-art facilities will be capable of attracting major international TV and film productions. The studios will create more than 8,000 new jobs in the region and around 21,000 jobs across the UK's creative sector.

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