

Who's at Alconbury Weald?

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Mole Solutions Ltd has joined the growing list of firms seeking to benefit from the economic and strategic advantages provided by the Alconbury Weald Enterprise Zone in Huntingdon.



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Formed in 2002, Mole Solutions introduces a cost effective system of underground freight pipelines capable of carrying solid cargoes. These pipelines are divided into two categories: Mole Light for standard units (pallets, roll cages, etc.) and Mole Heavy which allows solid materials to be transported in bulk.

These pipelines address the issues around insufficient capacity and related congestions on UK roads which is estimated to cost the economy as much as £24bn per year.

Mole Solutions is now using Alconbury Weald's flexible space to create a prototype electrically powered freight pipeline system.

As the technology is automated, it is estimated that the direct operating costs of a pipeline system are approximately 15% of road costs with driver, power and maintenance costs significantly reduced. With the pipelines out of sight and powered by sustainable energy, the system also has a very low environmental impact, and is supported by the Technology Strategy Board.

Roger Miles of Mole Solutions said: 'The site is an ideal location for us because of the flexible space available and its excellent transport links in all directions. As well as the demonstration area, we will be making use of meeting space in the Incubator for discussions with potential investors and clients. We are very grateful for Urban&Civic's support with planning and site preparation, and can't wait to now show the concept to potential clients and partners.'

The Campus's Enterprise Zone status has ensured that planning for the project was processed by Huntingdonshire District Council in less than 30 days. New and expanding companies moving to Alconbury Enterprise Campus can benefit from up to £275,000 of business rate relief, superfast broadband, a simplified and streamlined planning process, and business support packages that include business growth support, skills development and recruitment.

Jonathan Djanogly, MP for Huntingdon, said: 'It was a pleasure to visit Mole Solutions earlier this year to hear about their new solution to reducing freight traffic on our busy roads and I am delighted that this innovative project will be undertaken in my constituency.'

I look forward to visiting them again when their new site on the Alconbury Enterprise Campus is operational.'

Grahame Nix, Chief Executive of the Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Enterprise Partnership, said: 'We welcome the news that Mole Solutions has chosen Alconbury Enterprise Campus as their new base. As a high tech company, supported by the Technology Strategy Board, Alconbury is an ideal location for them to carry out their R&D work. Promoting enterprise growth and innovation is a key priority of our LEP, and Alconbury Enterprise Campus is a great location to help innovative new businesses, like Mole, succeed now and in the future.'

For further information on the development of the Mole Concept please visit www.molesolutions.co.uk or contact Roger Miles on 07833 084970.

