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KIRK SANDALL NETWORKCENTRE IS FIRST IN DONCASTER TO RECEIVE EUROPEAN FUNDING THROUGH OBJECTIVE 1 PROGRAMME

Work is starting on a new 'networkcentre' in Kirk Sandall, Doncaster. This is the first building scheme in Doncaster to receive European funding through the Objective 1 Programme.

The Kirk Sandall development is part of the networkspace initiative – a joint venture between Langtree Group and English Partnerships. networkspace was established to help boost local enterprise in the English coalfield regions following the recommendation of the Coalfields Taskforce in 1999.

This £1.66 million development will comprise of 12 high quality business and workshop accommodation and is receiving £478,000 of European Funding through the Objective 1 Programme in South Yorkshire, which aims to restructure the local economy and restore prosperity to local people, businesses and communities.

Jeremy Diskin is regional director for Langtree Group in Yorkshire. "We are delighted that the Kirk Sandall 'networkcentre' will be the first development to receive this new funding," he said. "The Objective 1 programme and the networkspace initiative share the same principles which are fundamentally concerned with creating employment and boosting the local economy. The initiative has been extremely successful elsewhere and we have every confidence in Kirk Sandall following these examples."

It is anticipated that 32 new full-time jobs will be created during the coming year once the premises are occupied, which will contribute to the regeneration of the local economy.

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Sylvia Yates from Objective 1 said: “Objective 1 has ambitious targets to create over 1,000 new businesses and 35,000 new jobs with its investment in South Yorkshire. If we are to succeed then we must nurture new businesses with growth potential or attract growing businesses to locate here. However, there is a lack of good quality, purpose built accommodation in South Yorkshire and the ‘networkcentre’ is an initiative that directly addresses this problem. We hope this will be one of the first of many investments that Objective 1 will make to ensure that affordable, good quality accommodation, which nurtures business and jobs, comes to South Yorkshire.”

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- **NOTES TO EDITOR:**

The Objective 1 Programme supports the provision of land and property in three Strategic Economic Zones: the M1 corridor, the Dearne Valley and in this case the M18 corridor, the centres of Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield. Some £153 million from Europe is available to support land and property development during the lifetime of Objective 1 Programme.

networkspace is a joint venture between English Partnerships and Langtree Group plc, networkspace was established in 1999 to help boost enterprise in the English coalfield regions, following the recommendations of the Coalfields Task Force. The company develops workspace units, let on flexible terms, for small and expanding businesses in coalfield areas – meeting an identified gap in the market.

The national regeneration agency English Partnerships is responsible for delivering, in partnership with the Regional Development Agencies, the £385m National Coalfields Programme. Designed to breathe new life into coalfield communities across England following the widespread pit closures of the 1980s and 1990s, the programme covers 86 former coalfield sites totaling over 3,300 hectares of land.

The Langtree Group has two operating divisions: Langtree Properties and Langtree Developments. It is a property investment and development organisation with offices in the North West, Yorkshire and Midlands, and its headquarters in St Helens, Merseyside. The Group owns and operates 35 industrial estates with a total of more than 691 units, housing in excess of 520 tenants. Tenants of the Langtree Group employ more than 4,000 people.

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