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HOWDEN JOINERY GROUP PLC

Withdrawal from Junction 15 planning application

Howden Joinery Group PLC, owner of Howdens Joinery, the UK's leading kitchen supplier and Roxhill Developments Limited have withdrawn their planning application for the development of a new two million square foot national distribution centre (NDC) adjacent to Junction 15 of the M1 in Northamptonshire.

The decision for the withdrawal has been based on a number of factors, including that the application is very likely to be recommended for refusal.

In light of this decision, Howdens will continue to operate from its existing NDC site on Brackmills Industrial Estate, Northampton, where the Group has extended its lease, to 2025. It has also agreed to lease a new warehouse to be built near Raunds, to the east of Northampton, which already has outline planning permission. As part of its longer term needs, it intends to pursue the redevelopment of the existing NDC, subject to agreement with the landlord.

Howdens is a well-established, successful and growing UK business. The Group employs more than 7,000 people, across 2 factories, a national distribution centre, and nearly 600 depots, supplying some 50 kitchen ranges from local stock to over 350,000 small builders.

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