

## Parcelforce Worldwide unveils new processing centre in Hatfield

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Parcelforce Worldwide has unveiled its new South East Processing Centre (SEPC) in Hatfield, Hertfordshire. The new centre is located on Hatfield Business Park (AL10) and will create over sixty new job opportunities in the local area, ranging from warehouse operatives to drivers. Grant Shapps MP opened the new processing centre.

The new processing centre will help to reduce Parcelforce Worldwide's carbon footprint for parcels that can be processed locally within the south-east rather than having to be transported to a central processing facility.

The 60,000 sq. ft. unit based in Hatfield contains a new custom-built automated handling system capable of processing over 50,000 parcels a night. It utilises some of the latest innovative parcel handling and processing technology. Parcelforce Worldwide has worked with Caljan and Royal Mail Engineering to design and install a new automated handling system, based on tried and tested depot models.

Grant Shapps MP said "It's a great privilege to have been asked to open this new processing centre. As soon as you enter the building, you can't help but be impressed by the fast-operating pace and high levels of automation. Combined with the key Hatfield location, I have no doubt that the new facility will help Parcelforce to deliver packages across the region more efficiently, particularly

during peak periods.

"Importantly though, the high levels of automation have not come at the expense of local jobs. The new site will in fact create over 60 local jobs from warehouse operatives to drivers. I do therefore believe that Parcelforce should be commended for this fantastic new development."

A spokesperson from Parcelforce Worldwide, said "The new South East Processing Centre is central to Parcelforce Worldwide's continued investment in innovation, technology and the growth of our business. We are pushing the boundaries of automation with the technology we have installed, supporting the growing demands and the increasing requirements of our customers. It will enable us to handle even more parcels, allowing us to drive up our customer experience and continue to maintain our consistently high end-to-end quality nationwide, all the year round including Christmas."

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