

## DIRFT IV vision summary

## THE UK'S LEADING RAIL-SERVED LOGISTICS PARK

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# INTRODUCTION

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This document sets out Prologis' vision for the future expansion of Prologis RFI DIRFT on land east of the M1.

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### ABOUT PROLOGIS

Prologis is the leading global real estate provider in industrial and logistics buildings. We deliver much more than just buildings; we create places where our customers and communities can flourish.

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### **ABOUT DIRFT**



A LORRY PARK TO PROVIDE WELFARE FOR DRIVERS



A HUB BUILDING **AND DEDICATED** TRAINING PROGRAMME



Over the last 18 years at Prologis RFI DIRFT, we are proud to have worked with the Local Council and communities to create the UK's most successful rail served logistics park. Employing well over 10,000 people in an ever-expanding range of jobs. It is the first park of its type to deliver:



**CREATION OF** LILBOURNE MEADOWS NATURE RESERVE



#### **RAIL TERMINAL**

a kilometre long rail terminal that allows the sustainable transportation of goods via rail freight that will save money and help save the planet

# OUR VISION

Prologis is seeking to take its flagship RFI DIRFT project into the future and create a truly outstanding development for West Northamptonshire that everyone can be proud of.

West Northamptonshire Council is preparing a new Strategic Plan which will guide development in the area up to 2050.

The potential expansion of RFI DIRFT to meet the Council's objectives for sustainable economic growth and investment is recognised on land to the east of the M1 (Spatial Option 3a).



## OUR **PROPOSALS**

Prologis RFI DIRFT is the UK's premier logistics park due to its optimum location for warehousing and logistics in the centre of Britain, with strategic road connections to the M1 and M6/A14 interchange.

We are seeking to build on the success and legacy of DIRFT through the expansion of the park to deliver around 4 million sq ft of logistics floorspace set within a vast parkland area that will create new habitat areas. The expansion of DIRFT will be achieved via private road connections to the existing estate on the west of the M1. The ability to link the site to DIRFT is a unique benefit that only Prologis can deliver and will reduce the number of commercial vehicles using the strategic highways network.

## PROPOSAL MASTER PLAN



## WHAT ARE THE **BENEFITS OF THE SCHEME?**



## INVESTMENT, JOBS AND TRAINING

At Prologis we are committed to investing in people through the Prologis Warehousing and Logistics Training Programme (PWLTP) to train and reskill unemployed people by equipping them with the knowledge needed to pursue a career in logistics.

#### AT DIRFT IV WE WILL:

Continue the successful training programme at RFI DIRFT by investing in people further, through the creation of over 6,000 jobs at the operational phases of development.

Our research has shown that logistics jobs are evolving and will create specialist and highly skilled careers in HR, robotics, engineering, and coding.

### THE PROPOSALS WILL GENERATE OVER:

- £219M GVA PER ANNUM
- £10.5 MILLION IN BUSINESS **RATES REVENUE PER ANNUM**

**OUR VISION** 

### **ENVIRONMENTAL** STEWARDSHIP, SOCIAL **RESPONSIBILITY AND GOVERNANCE** (ESG)

At Prologis we want to build a sustainable future. We have embedded environmental stewardship, social responsibility and governance (ESG) across our business.

#### AT DIRFT IV WE WILL DELIVER:

A game changer in sustainability through the following measures:

- Provision of photovoltaic solar cell and battery system that would fully serve the energy needs of the park.
- A net zero carbon development through exemplar standards in sustainable design and construction.
- Promotion of the use of rail freight for transportation where possible.

#### Create and foster change deliver cheaper power and lower energy costs THE BENEFIT We want to counter climate We want DIRFT IV change and be a catalyst to generate more to deliver more sustainable power than it uses.

THE EVIDENCE We are leaders in sustainability.



At Prologis, the creation of a place that provides customer and local community well-being is integral to the success of our Parks.



#### AT DIRFT IV WE WILL DELIVER:

THE RELEVANCE

power generation.

A landscape-led development which delivers biodiversity net gain and will create recreational benefits for the whole community through the provision of:

- An extension of Lilbourne Meadows to include extensive native planting and habitats and public access.
- Creation of Yelvertoft Meadows with substantial areas of open space, new footpaths, woodland, watercourse enhancements and other habitats.



to see our interviev with Rachel.





Prologis is the only logistics developer, globally, to be awarded HRH Terra Carta Seal for Sustainability.



Working in partnership with Cummins Ltd, Prologis has completed the first logistics building in the UK to go beyond zero carbon in both construction and operation.

- Creation of a thriving park community through provision of an amenity hub and Lorry Park.
- Integration with the existing DIRFT estate via two bridges over the M1 which will create real highways benefits

# IN CONCLUSION

### **TIME SCALES**

Prologis is looking to work with the Council and local communities through the plan-making process. There are various stages for the Council to go through before the New West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan will be put in place. We anticipate that the proposals for DIRFT IV would not come forward until around 2030.

### SUMMARY

We are a significant investor in West Northamptonshire. RFI DIRFT is already a global trailblazer in sustainable development and placemaking. DIRFT is a scheme that we should all be proud of. Our proposals at DIRFT IV will take this development to another level. It is a real game changer for West Northamptonshire Council.

### WHAT'S NEXT

We are holding a series of meetings with the Parish Councils to develop our plans and obtain feedback on the vision of the scheme and the development principles.

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