## Welsh Region Newsletter

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### **April 2019**

AGM and Dinner Dance is on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019, at the Wiltshire Hotel, Vastern, Royal Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire. SN4 7PB.



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Fees are due, I draw your attention under the Rule 3 (C) and (D) Fees were due 1<sup>st</sup> January and to be paid in full by the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 any member who has not paid by that Date is under suspension. If you haven't paid please pay ASAP

# Cardiff Central Square

The regeneration scheme from Right acres Property in the centre of Cardiff will reach further significant milestones next year. Work on the 135,000 sq. ft 2 Central Square office scheme is progressing well and its tenants in law firm Hugh James and Cardiff School of Journalism, Media and Cultural Studies, will start moving into the Rio Architects designed building in the summer. And the new £120m headquarters for BBC Cymru Wales at Central Square is expected to be handed over to the public service broadcaster in the spring. But then will begin an intensive 18month technology driven fit out of the building. There will be around 750 work desk spaces, but it is

not envisaged that all 1,200 staff will ever be in the building at the same.



And if so, it has the fall back of around 1,000 spaces in the collaboration and meeting room spaces around the building. BBC Wales has yet to finalise its staff migration programme but it will see the first staff, most likely in non-news administration roles, moving into the building in autumn 2019. The plan is to have all staff in the building in the first quarter of 2020. Also at Central Square a new 270,000 sq. ft public sector hub for the UK Government will start to take real shape in 2018 with construction work from Sir Robert McAlpine having recently started.

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## Cardiff New bus station

## The new look bus station and wider Interchange scheme

Work on a new bus station at the heart of a major development, that will also see new office space and 400 apartments in the centre of Cardiff, will start early next year. It comes after confirmation of the intention to deliver the Interchange project at Central Square through an innovative special purpose vehicle made up of Cardiff Council, the developer behind the Central Square regeneration scheme, Right acres, and the Welsh Government. It is specifically being established to deliver Metro related project.

#### **Cardiff**

Another big office deal for Cardiff with Geldards investing in a new HQ. The law firm is taking 30,000 sq ft at the under construction No 4 Capital Quarter building. Law firm Geldards has signed up to one of the biggest new office schemes in the centre of Cardiff.



The UK-wide firm, which has its head office in ardiff, has agreed to relocate to the soon to be completed No 4 Capital Quarter office building. It comes after Admiral agreed to take nearly 70,000 sq ft at the adjoining No 3 Capital Quarter office scheme at Capital Quarter, which is being developed by Cardiff-based property development firm JR Smart.

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### **South Wales**

new south Wales railway station with a 5,000 plus job business park A new south Wales park and ride mainline train station with a major business district, which could eventually provide up to three million sq. ft of new office space accommodating at least 5,000 workers, is on track to open in 2022. It comes after the Welsh Government, along with financial services giant Investec and entrepreneurs Nigel and his son Andrew Roberts, have set up a holding company.



South Wales Infrastructure Ltd (SWIL), to deliver the proposed Cardiff Parkway train station on the south Wales to London rail line

at St Mellons - located between Cardiff and Newport. It is understood that the Welsh Government has taken an 10% equity stake in the business and committed a first tranche £5m funding to support the project through an outline planning application, which is expected to be determined this summer. The aim is for the station to become operational in the summer of 2022. Investec is investing on the same terms as the Welsh Government. Subject to planning consent work on the new park and ride train station, which will also provide up to 2,000 car parking spaces, is expected to start early next year.

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#### **East London**

SES wins £9m Westfield subcontract12 hours Building services contractor SES Engineering Services (SES) has been appointed by Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield to deliver the £9m mechanical services package at its M7 commercial development in Stratford, East London. Building A will mostly house government offices Wates subsidiary SES will provide all shell and core, domestic and major plant services, including a basement district heating plant, water and ventilation systems, across the 28,000 square-metre office schemes next to Stratford's Westfield shopping complex. The site, known as Building A, will have a 1,395 square-metre winter roof garden.

Eight of the building's 12 storeys are to be lease to HM Revenue & Customs for government offices.

Construction has already begun, with SES starting on site in December 2018. Completion is expected for August 2019.

David Jenkins, SES' business director for London and the southeast, said: "This latest project win, our first with Westfield, demonstrates the strength of our offering in delivering Grade A commercial developments across the capital, which continues to be a key driver for our business.

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