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- 1.5km to M8 motorway (junction 28)
  - 14km to Glasgow City Centre (via M8)
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Westway

- 2km to Inchinnan Business Park

New River Crossing

01 - Abbotsinch Road
02 - National Manufacturing Institute Scotland
03 - Medicines Manufacturing Innovation Centre
04 - Riverside Park
Q&A

Who owns the Netherton Campus site?
Renfrewshire Council (local authority).

How much land is available?
A 52 hectare (128 acre) site presents significant and flexible development opportunities. Further development opportunities are also available in the wider district.

What investment has there been to date?
£44.7million of funding for enabling infrastructure including a new spine road through Netherton Campus, high-quality landscaping, cycle routes and new bridge crossings; all aimed at improving connections with and between existing commercial locations.

Will the owner consider selling the site?
Renfrewshire Council has purchased the site to achieve its economic development objectives. The Council is considering a JV structure for the management and delivery of the site. No decision has been reached on the preferred approach, but it is currently anticipated that an OJEU notice for a JV partner will be issued in summer 2020.

Are the plots available to purchase or on leasehold terms only?
The promoter’s preference is for leasehold arrangement. Requests to purchase plots may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

What financial support is available?
A range of grant and loan support may available, including cost of development, relocation, training and R&D.

Are there service charges payable within the site?
Yes. The long-term maintenance and management of Netherton Campus will be covered by service charges on occupiers. This will be calculated at the time of agreement being reached on occupation and reviewed annually with all occupiers.

Are utilities available?
Significant utility works are currently underway to guarantee appropriate electricity, gas, water, sewer and fibre capacity and to minimise utility connection costs for developers.

What other fixed costs are there?
UK limited companies and foreign companies with a UK branch or office are liable for UK Corporation Tax on all profits. The current rate is 19%. This is due to reduce to 17% in April 2020. Subject to reliefs available, occupiers of commercial properties are liable to pay annual business rates based on the value of the property.

What is expected to be built on the site?
Outline planning consent has been secured for a mix of uses with a focus on advanced manufacturing. Uses could also include life sciences, research & development and aviation services (including MRO).

The Enhanced Masterplan was developed with a desire for flexibility and quality. The layout provides for flexible development plots with good connectivity across the site and frontage to main gateway route or riverside park. The framework of the masterplan includes high-quality public realm spaces and a coherent strategy for car parking prioritising pedestrianised spaces and routes. A Design Guide has been developed to set out the principles for future developments within Netherton Campus.

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Low carbon solutions are at the heart of Renfrewshire Council’s aspirations and investment for AMIDS. Early opportunities currently being explored include an innovative solution for on-site generation of renewables using low and zero carbon technology, and a fifth generation heat network to supply low carbon heat to occupiers: the first development of its kind in Scotland.