



Press Release

PINEWOOD STUDIOS SCREEN HUB UK PLANNING APPLICATION - APPROVED

Thursday 16 December 2021, Buckinghamshire Council's Strategic Sites Planning committee has resolved to grant planning permission for the expansion of the world-renowned Pinewood Studios site in Buckinghamshire, England.

The proposed development for new studio space includes sound stages, a skills and training hub to be operated by the National Film and Television School, a business growth hub and a major film inspired visitor attraction. In addition, there are plans to extensively enhance the ecology and biodiversity of the area around the development and bring further considerable benefits to the community of Buckinghamshire.

This decision will allow the progression of Pinewood Group's £500 million investment to create a global screen growth hub - Screen Hub UK. The development will expand the existing world-class facility, increasing capacity for film production in the UK as well as offering an international visitor attraction. It is expected that the development project will result in a £355 million boost to the UK economy and create over 3,500 jobs if given final approval.

In response to the Committee decision, Paul Golding, Chairman of Pinewood Group, said:

"We are delighted by this outcome. The decision allows us to continue our ongoing investment in the Studios and support for the UK film and television industries. Importantly, we now have the opportunity of creating a world class training centre and film inspired visitor attraction, bringing considerable benefits to the community of Buckinghamshire and the UK economy."

Screen Hub UK, also known as 'Pinewood South', is situated on land purchased in August 2020 to the south of the existing Pinewood Studios West site. It is in addition to our existing expansion projects already underway at Shepperton and Pinewood West, for which planning consent has been obtained and construction works have commenced.

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About Pinewood Group

As the leading provider of studio and related services to the global film and television industry, Pinewood Studios Group has enabled storytellers to bring their creations to life on the big and small screen for 85 years. Founded in 1936 and headquartered in the United Kingdom, Pinewood has helped create some of the most treasured productions, among them 170 Oscar winners, 230 BAFTA winners and numerous blockbuster film productions with budgets of over \$100 million. In the past year alone, our UK-based studios have been home to many highly acclaimed productions such as *Rocketman*, *No Time To Die*, *Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw*, *Dumbo*, *Mary Poppins Returns*, *Mary Queen of Scots* and *Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker*. pinewoodgroup.com