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### **Pinewood Studios announces evolution of Screen Hub UK plans at its site in Buckinghamshire**

Pinewood Studios is evolving its plans for expansion in Buckinghamshire. The Studios were granted planning permission in April 2022 for a screen industries growth hub known as Screen Hub UK on land to the south of its existing site. That development includes studio buildings, a visitor attraction and education and business growth hubs (known as 'Centre Stage').

Pinewood has received feedback from the community, its customers and the market, all of which points towards increasing the amount of studio floorspace in the scheme, while retaining and committing to the delivery of Centre Stage.

A planning application is being prepared for a variation in the scheme which provides more studio space, carries forward Centre Stage and holds the visitor attraction as an option.

A related application is also proposed for an open-air filming space (known as backlot) with supporting workshop buildings, landscaping and associated parking on part of Alderbourne Farm land owned by the Studios. The scheme also includes a proposal for the majority of the land at the farm to be used for the creation of a nature reserve with public access.

Pinewood Studios Chairman Paul Golding said:

*"We have listened to the feedback regarding development at Pinewood Studios and the need for further studio space. We are looking at how our plans can evolve to deliver this with improved benefits for the community and our customers. We will invite the local community to share their views with us on the emerging ideas and how all the benefits of the permitted Screen Hub UK scheme can be retained to continue to strengthen UK film and bring much needed jobs, skills and spending as well as local ecological benefits. We hope our planning applications will receive widespread support."*

Chief Executive of the British Film Commission, Adrian Wootton OBE, said:

*"The UK Screen industry is booming, generating billions of pounds for the UK economy, and creating hundreds of thousands of jobs. The demand for content has never been greater, which in turn is driving the need for additional studio space. I am delighted to welcome today's announcement. Expansions like this further strengthen the UK's offer as a destination for world-class film and high-end TV production."*

Pinewood Studios is preparing applications for these changes as a further option to the permitted Screen Hub UK scheme. Consultations with the local community and wider stakeholders will start over the coming weeks. For more information visit [www.pinewoodcommunications.co.uk](http://www.pinewoodcommunications.co.uk).



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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 at its world-class stages and facilities in Pinewood, Shepperton, Toronto and the Dominican Republic, among them 172 Oscar winners, 234 BAFTA winners and numerous blockbuster film productions with budgets of over \$100 million. Our UK-based studios have been home to many highly acclaimed productions such as *Anatomy of a Scandal*, *No Time To Die*, *Eternals*, *Black Widow*, *Cruella*, *1917*, *Rocketman*, *Mary Poppins Returns* and *Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker*.