

CASE STUDY - NYK LOGISTICS, ST.HELENS

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Graham Hall, Depot Manager, NYK Logistics

With world-leading clients including Jaguar/Freelanders and Samsung, NYK Logistics is one of the fastest growing logistics companies in the UK. The company has a global presence in more than 30 countries and opened a new base in St.Helens in 2006.

The rapidly increasing St.Helens operation is a significant distributor of both white goods and parts for the automotive industry and delivers throughout the supply chain - into the manufacturing process, to retailers, to commercial end-users and to consumers' homes.

The St.Helens depot is located at the heart of Northwest England's motorway network and close to the Jaguar/Freelanders plant at Halewood Operations, south of Liverpool.

Competitive operating costs and the availability of top-class premises are cited as key reasons for the firm's expansion into the Liverpool City Region.

The quality and availability of workforce was also important, according to the company's Depot Manager at St.Helens, Graham Hall. He says; *"Our experience of staff recruitment has been very good. It is often difficult in our industry to find experienced LGV drivers but since relocating to St.Helens we've been quite fortunate and don't seem to have a problem with recruitment in this area."*

NYK Logistics benefited from the expertise of The Mersey Partnership's Investor Development Team - experienced Business Account Managers who support companies to give them the support they need to grow and reinvest.

Mr Hall adds; *"The Mersey Partnership's Investor Development Manager was there when needed. His local knowledge was good and he provided a useful link with the local authority. He also helped us sort out a number of issues with our new premises."*