

## Dream becomes reality

St.Helens is set to feature a spectacular new landmark artwork to rival the Angel of the North. *Dream*, part of The Big Art Project, takes the form of the head of a girl with eyes closed, seemingly in a dream-like state. The 20-metre high sculpture by internationally-renowned artist Jaume Plensa is to be sited on top of the former Sutton Manor Colliery, overlooking the M62. The work is intended to become a gateway icon for both Merseyside and Greater Manchester at the heart of the Northwest, and will symbolise the remarkable regeneration of the whole region.

The Big Art Project seeks to inspire and create new works of public art commissioned by communities, as well as debating the importance of art in the built environment. St.Helens is one of only seven sites selected throughout the UK from over 1,400 UK-wide public nominations in what has been in effect the UK's largest ever public art commissioning scheme.



Artist Jaume Plensa with 'Dream'

### Original CGS projects already completed include:

- High quality managed office space together with Langtree Group Plc's headquarters at Centrix House in Newton-le-Willows
- Commercial industrial warehousing at Old Boston
- Workspace for creative and other industries at Catapult Too in the George Street Cultural Quarter
- Comprehensive town centre public realm improvements via the £6.4m Focal Point project
- The creation of the iconic new £4.5m St.Helens Central train station
- The production of new branding and a destination-marketing framework.

### Key original CGS projects progressing well and carried forward into the new CGS

- Three Urban Villages
- Destination St.Helens – the new Saints rugby league stadium
- *Dream* – the Channel 4 Big Art Project (see above)
- Tourism sector development

### New CGS projects already completed

- The £90m redevelopment of St.Helens Hospital

- £8m Phase 1 high quality office space at Mere Grange Business Park
- UK's first Essential Oils and National Wildflower Farm
- Town Centre Design Masterplan
- The flagship £6m St.Helens Chamber and Graduate Enterprise Centre
- New Boundary Markers at 24 secondary entries to the borough
- New Town Centre visitor information signage.

St.Helens has undergone a dramatic transformation in recent years to become a growing regional location of choice for businesses, residents and visitors alike. The CGS has harnessed the borough's spirit of innovation to deliver sustainable economic prosperity and the revised strategy will continue to maintain the momentum and build on the successful foundations of regeneration.



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