

## Engineers land key role on landmark M&S project

A HUDDERSFIELD firm of consulting engineers has been appointed to work on the largest Marks & Spencer store outside London.

Sanderson Associates will be designing and project managing all the off-site highway works at the M&S store at Cheshire Oaks in Ellesmere Port, near Chester.

The flagship store, Marks & Spencer's largest for 10 years, will be their biggest development in the UK outside London.

The planned store will create a significant number of new jobs for the area.

The developer, Simons, is working on detailed designs for the £45m store to create a sustainable project.

### Footprint

It is expected that the store will stock the entire range of M&S goods and provide significant regeneration, socio-economic and employment benefits as well as having a greatly reduced carbon footprint.

Alison France, the managing director of Sanderson Associates, said: "This is a tremendous start to the New Year for us. Cheshire Oaks is a major development and we look forward to delivering a complex project on time and within budget.

"The retail sector has taken a hammering during this recession, but Marks & Spencer has proved remarkably resilient. The company's £45m investment in the Ellesmere Port store is evidence that it has the confidence to expand in these difficult times."