

# Cummins plans new UK site

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## Plan to move production during 2017 - to retain research and development centre at existing location

Cummins Turbo Technologies is said to be planning to build a new site in the United Kingdom, reports the *Huddersfield Examiner*. According to the newspaper, the component supplier has identified a green field site in Calderdale near Halifax (United Kingdom) to replace its existing site in Turnbridge near Huddersfield (United Kingdom). It is planned to feature a 18,600-square metre facility, and the 400 people currently employed in Turnbridge will be transferred to the new site. The aim is to undertake the move during 2017 and it will take several months. However, the company plans to retain its research and development (R&D) centre at the existing location, employing 600 staff, as well as featuring its aftermarket and business support.



**Significance:** The location in Turnbridge manufactures a range of heavy-duty diesel turbochargers. Cummins is said to have conducted an extensive search to identify a site that would allow it to maintain and strengthen its presence in the local area, while also significantly improving its operations and supply chain capabilities. The decision has been supported by senior members of the local community as securing workers' future. It now remains to be seen whether it is given approval for planning permission – which is intended to be submitted in September – following a public consultation, and whether construction will begin as anticipated in 2016.

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