



Conservatives in the European Parliament

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Local Euro MP's Concern over JLR Job Losses

West Midlands' Conservative MEP, Malcolm Harbour, has expressed serious concern over the worrying news that one of the Jaguar Land Rover plants in the West Midlands is likely to close. He said, "I know that the Shadow Business Minister, Mark Prisk, shares my concern over the planned closure and is seeking a meeting with senior Jaguar Land Rover to discuss the matter. I, too, will be following the matter closely and hope that job losses will be averted. We have to think beyond the immediate future and maximise opportunities for the highly skilled and motivated workforce."

Malcolm Harbour has also welcomed the good news that Land Rover, is to go ahead with the production of its new small Range Rover which was developed at Land Rover's state of the art Gaydon facility. The Solihull based member of the European parliament whose pre-parliament career was in the motor industry said, "This is very good for the motoring industry, it show signs that things in the motor manufacturing industry are getting back on track. It is also excellent news for the workforce. The West Midlands is continuing its reputation as being the innovative heart of manufacturing the UK."

Land Rover describe the new product, which will appear on showroom floors in 2011, as the smallest, lightest and most efficient vehicle the company has ever produced.

The new car will be built at the multi award-winning plant in Halewood, on Merseyside, subject to quality and productivity agreements and will be exported to more than 100 countries around the world.

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