



Top US Delegation Revved-Up by Northern Powerhouse Talks at Historic Knutsford Venue

Tatton Estate's Peover Hall hosted Chancellor George Osborne and a delegation of senior representatives from the US House of Representatives last week as part of a tour of the north-west to showcase how Northern Powerhouse could transform the region's economy.

With the region already exporting over £3 billion of goods to the US, making it the largest destination for the region's exports, the group, led by Speaker of the House, John Boehner, was keen to hear how the plans would further enhance the relationship between the UK and US.

Over the working lunch the delegation also heard how Peover Hall was the ideal HQ for General George Patton of the United States 3rd Army as he planned for the D-Day landings in 1944. The Tatton Estate still receives regular calls from American family members who wish to know more about Peover Hall and many revisit the steps their predecessors took during such a significant time in history.

Henry Brooks of the Tatton Estate said: "We were honoured to host senior members of the U.S. and U.K. governments bringing our shared "special relationship" to the heart of the North West over 70 years after our nations' soldiers trained and fought side by side using Peover Hall as a base. The visit included the incredible science investment by Waters Corporation just next to the Tatton Estate exemplifying the employment and medical advance benefiting the people of Cheshire and beyond made possible by these strong trade ties."

Chancellor George Osborne said: "I am delighted to have had the opportunity to welcome Speaker Boehner and his delegation to the north-west to show them how we are building a Northern Powerhouse. Tatton Estate's Peover Hall provided the perfect setting for our working lunch – as it provides an historic bond between our countries.

Speaker John Boehner, added: "We are truly grateful to Chancellor Osborne for giving our delegation a chance to see first-hand the impressive growth happening in Greater Manchester and the north-west. Our economic partnership with the UK is vital to America's interests, and whether it's trade, manufacturing, or energy, there is no shortage of opportunities for us to continue strengthening these ties."

The delegation also included David Rutley MP Macclesfield, Graham Evans MP Weavervale, David Mowat MP Warrington South, Stephen Mosley MP Chester and Cllr Michael Jones Leader of Cheshire East Council focussed the discussions on economic issues specific to the Cheshire region.

To make the Northern Powerhouse a reality, the government has already committed to: £13 billion of investment in transport in the north of England; a further £2.7 billion of new trains; and road upgrades to complement the £50 billion High Speed 2 project.