

Captain Jimmy Chestnutt, CEO of Hampshire Chamber of Commerce said that,

"This is very sad, disappointing news particularly for the highly skilled labour force working and available in the area. We hope that this decision does not mean Palmer Johnson will pull out of Woolston which has been designed specifically to accommodate their operations. In this current economic climate it is vital that we keep our specialist skilled labour force employed in this region. The Hampshire Chamber of Commerce and the British Marine Federation will work with the City Council to mitigate the impact of this announcement."