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Seven months of searching, c2ke find an advanced solution with a hybrid unit_

For independent IT Services company c2ke, it took seven months of searching for suitable new premises before finally relocating to one of the newly-completed hybrid units developed by Priority Sites on the Orion Business Park, North Tyneside.

Having outgrown their premises on the Blezard Business Park at Seaton Burn, c2ke was searching for high quality workspace in the right location and with a suitable layout that would meet both their current and future requirements.

However when the search began in earnest for new premises, the company found that suitable accommodation was hard to come by.

As Lynn King director of c2ke explains: "We had reached the point where we were struggling for sufficient workshop and storage space in our existing premises. However when we started looking for new premises we could find plenty of office accommodation but hardly any that provided office space with a ready-made workshop area.

“Without finding the hybrid unit we would have faced the prospect of having to convert some office space, which we would have already paid a premium for, into a workshop area that would have increased our relocation costs even further.”

c2ke moved into the Orion Business Park in December 2005, taking on a 3,300 sq ft unit, one of nine units making up Priority Sites’ Mercury development, and the first hybrid scheme of its kind in the North East.

Since December, c2ke has installed oak and glass partitioning to create a separate boardroom and two private offices on the first floor, with the rest of the space remaining open plan. The

ground floor has been partitioned off to provide a large open plan workshop and storage facility with a purpose built fire-proof server room and separate goods in/out bay.

Another plus point and a paramount factor in the decision-making process for c2ke was the location of the business park, which, with the Tyne Tunnel, A19 and A1 close by, provides easy access into Newcastle and Sunderland as well as the surrounding area.

Currently with an 8-strong team but a growing customer base, the company also needed sufficient flexibility to meet future expansion plans. By offering three times as much ground floor space as the workshop in c2ke’s

previous location the unit has sufficient room to employ a further 6-8 people, together with the potential for increasing the office space downstairs, if required.

Lynn comments: **“The location is ideal for us and the unit is a high specification building that has the flexibility to meet our requirements both now and in the foreseeable future. We also have the added advantage of being the only IT services company in this location.”**

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