Second phase of £10m Doncaster office scheme gets underway

Construction has started on the second phase of Prospect Property Group’s £10m office scheme at Doncaster International Business Park, after the first phase of the scheme generated an unprecedented number of enquiries from potential tenants and investors.

Phase two of the development will see main contractor Henry Boot Construction build a further nine ‘workpod’ office units of 1,450 sq ft and 1,600 sq ft, in two, three and four-unit blocks at the site located adjacent to Robin Hood Airport. The initial phase of 13 units is due for completion in June, while phase two will be completed this September.

In total, Fountain Court will cover 62,000 sq ft and is expected to create more than 130 jobs, providing environmentally sustainable office accommodation for 134 staff.

The project is part-financed by the European Union and the second phase has attracted a further £1m from the Yorkshire and Humber ERDF programme 2007-13 bringing total EU funding for the scheme to £2.49m.

Jonathan Raistrick, projects director at Prospect Property Group, said: “We expected to see plenty of interest in Fountain Court but the response really has been phenomenal, with more than half of phase one sold in only a few weeks.”
He added: “Prospective tenants and investors have been quick to see the attraction of the workpods. The scheme not only offers high-spec office accommodation right next to the airport, with easy access to the new FARRRS link road and upgraded rail links, but the office units are also being constructed to the highest environmental standards. Incredibly low running costs stand to make Fountain Court the most energy efficient office development in the region.”

Previously owned by the Ministry of Defence, the business park site was home to RAF Finningley’s parade ground and barracks before the air base was closed and redeveloped as Robin Hood Airport in 2005.

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