

Coming up at Quorum...



Spring / Summer Sports Club Opening Times

The Quorum Sports Club is now open 7 days a week from 7am – 9pm for tennis, football and netball bookings. For information visit www.quorumbp.co.uk/sport



Walk to Work Week (14 - 18 May)

Make sure that you join the thousands of employees across the UK who will be walking to, from and during work as part of one of the healthiest workplace challenges around. Sign up for free at www.livingstreets.org.uk



Breeze Bike Ride

Free 2 hour guided bike ride for women working at Quorum. Leaving the Hub at 5pm, cycling to the rising sun Country Park and then back again. For more information visit www.goskyride.com/breeze



Public Transport Road Shows (21 - 25 May)

The Commuter Centre Manager will be visiting buildings across the park from 21-25 May to provide information on public transport services and travel discounts.

For more details about any of the above events visit the website at www.quorumbusinesspark.co.uk/events

Q CARD

Q Card holders watch out for our monthly emailer, Q Life - keeping you up to date with all the latest news, events and Q Card offers. Not a Q Card holder yet? Register at www.quorumbusinesspark.co.uk/qcard and start receiving some fantastic discounts at local outlets.

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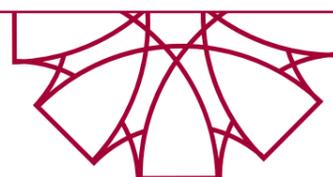
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For more information on Quorum or upcoming events visit us onsite at the Hub or online:
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The Avenue

The newsletter for Quorum Business Park



Spring 2012

Welcome to the new issue of 'The Avenue'

The start of the year has seen the beginning of the retail construction, Climate Week and the annual Quorum North East Food Fair.

Take a look at the back page to see what events we have planned for spring, including Walk to Work Week, Public Transport Road Show, Quorum Tennis League and Group Cycle Rides. Don't forget, you can keep up to date with all the latest news, events and Q Card offers at www.quorumbusinesspark.co.uk

Fabricom signs up for growth at Quorum



Fabricom's Allan Cairns with North Tyneside MP, Mary Glindon at the Q16 opening

Fergus Trim with Allan Cairns

Quorum has secured another blue chip occupier after securing a new letting to oil and gas engineering company, Fabricom Offshore Services.

Fabricom are part of the global energy group, GDF SUEZ, that now employ over 200 staff and have grown from occupying serviced office space on the park to now taking the full 32,800 sq ft Q16 building.

Fabricom Offshore Services' Managing Director Allan Cairns said: "Taking our own building at Quorum marks a major milestone in the growth of Fabricom. The oil and gas market is strong and we have been winning some major new contracts, enabling us to grow the team and the business. The decision to make our permanent base here on Quorum made perfect sense – it is a high quality location with great amenities for our staff."

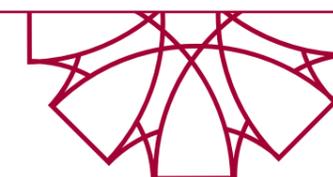
Fabricom Offshore Services is an innovative engineering and project management company, working with customers in the oil and gas industry. They provide detailed engineering for life of field extension, facilities engineering, equipment specification and project management for projects in the North Sea and further afield.

Quorum Business Park Development Director, Fergus Trim said: "We have seen Fabricom grow at Quorum and it is great news that they have been so successful, creating high value engineering jobs and are now taking their own building on the park."

"We have invested heavily in the infrastructure and amenities at Quorum and are pleased that our high-quality buildings are continuing to entice major companies."

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Office build now complete...



Eight new occupiers have moved to Quorum

The last of the speculative office buildings at Quorum has now been completed, marking the end of what has been the largest speculative office development in the country.

The mammoth build programme started in Summer 2008 and has continued without pause. This leaves Quorum in a strong position of having newly built available stock when many competing markets across the country are starved of new high quality office space.

In total, the eight new buildings have taken over 540,000 man-hours to build over the 3 and a half year period, providing work to almost 2,000 local builders from many North East contracting companies.

The buildings have all been built speculatively, i.e. built before a tenant has been identified, but the scale of build has been matched by letting successes with over 300,000 sq ft of letting achieved over

the same period. Eight new occupiers have moved to Quorum including some major letting to Tesco Bank, Convergys and Balfour Beatty among others.

The two final buildings to be completed are building Q10, which is the largest building at Quorum at 104,000 sq ft, and Q3 which is the smallest at 26,000 sq ft. Both buildings have achieved BREEAM Excellent environmental award reflecting the green technologies used in the construction.

Fergus Trim, Development Director at Quorum said 'It has been a huge project that has transformed the business environment in this part of Newcastle. We have invested in the buildings but also in the amenities, environment and public transport connections at Quorum meaning we now have a prime business location to offer to new incoming tenants.'

...meanwhile work begins on Quorum retail scheme

Work has now started on the new Quorum retail scheme with site levelling and foundation works underway. Site owners, Northumberland Estates have appointed Esh Group as contractors to undertake the build.

The development will see five units built which will be home to Tesco Express, Greggs and Eat@. In addition, a restaurant unit will be built and The Hub park management team will move to a new office as part of the development. The construction is expected to take 20 weeks, with the new units expected to be ready by the end of the Summer.

Tasty treats for business park tenants

Quorum staff abandoned their customary lunch breaks in favour of a tastier treat at the annual Quorum North East Food Fair.

Over 500 staff spent their lunch breaks sampling speciality breads, cheeses and wines from over 20 local producers including Lacey's cheese, Yummy Things Jams and Hot Stuff Chilli Co.

The Northumberland-based Frere Quenelle Liqueurs, has attended the fair both years. Owner Keith Langham said: "The North East Food Fair at Quorum Business Park is a great event."

"It really has been great seeing such a diverse mix of tenants attending the fair, getting involved and supporting the talents of local producers."

Quorum picks up top travel award



Quorum was presented with the ACT Travelwise award

Quorum Business Park has been awarded with a national industry award at this year's ACT Travelwise annual conference and awards ceremony in Nottingham.

Quorum was presented with the ACT Travelwise award for 'Commuter Friendly Workplace of the Year' having demonstrated making the biggest strides towards making the park more accessible to commuters.

The judges were impressed by the park's ease of access, effective project management of a park wide travel plan and development of the successful partnership formed with operator Arriva North East.

The park submitted evidence of a positive change in staff travel patterns, showing a success in achieving a reduction in the

proportion of car journeys to the park from 75% in 2008 to 55% in 2012, and a modal shift to sustainable transport modes.

Laura Kerry, Commuter Centre Manager said, "I am delighted that Quorum Business Park has received a national award."

"Taking part in initiatives which promote a sustainable approach to travel is a priority for Quorum and we will continue to promote active travel as more tenants move onto the park."

"It is great news that more people are choosing to travel by sustainable modes of transport. We have worked hard to increase the number of bus services to the site and as a result, 1 in 3 workers at Quorum now travel by public transport."

There are plans to increase the services further with 45 bus services travelling to Quorum every hour of the working day when the new Balliol Bus Link opens in July 2012.

Balfour Beatty charge into the future

Quorum Business Park is leading the charge as a hub for electric vehicle adoption with a third charge point recently installed on the site.

As part of the regional EV Switch trials, Quorum Business Park occupier Balfour Beatty Worksmart, is one of 44 participants in the North East. The next six months will see three Balfour Beatty employees trialling a Peugeot iOn, following the installation of an EV charge point in the company's car park.

Staff were asked to submit a slogan on why they felt it was important to participate in the Switch EV trial, with the three best responses used to select who will drive the vehicle for two months at a time.

Balfour Beatty's involvement with the Switch EV project cements Quorum's position at the forefront of North East organisations driving innovation in low carbon vehicles forward in the region.

Health check for Quorum staff

Staff on the park started 2012 as they mean to go on by taking part in a health and well being road show, which saw a team of healthcare and fitness specialists offer workers advice on how they can adopt a healthy lifestyle onsite.

Quorum Business Park Events Manager, Alex McVey, said: "We thought January would be the perfect time to highlight the benefits of looking after yourself, and to offer staff a handy health MOT at their place of work."

"As well as highlighting some of the excellent free sports facilities available to staff on the park, they were also invited to take part in competitions with prizes including a month's supply of fresh fruit and vegetable boxes and a month's worth of Quorum Boot Camp classes from Diverting Fitness, as well as receive expert tips on issues such as medical care and nutrition."

