

## INDUSTRIAL &amp; COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

## Business takes off at RAF base

A FORMER part of the RAF's base at Stafford is set to soar as a new industrial and commercial enterprise - with SRB6, Stafford Borough's regeneration programme, helping it to take off.

The 22-acre Beacon Business Park site, decommissioned by the RAF a couple of years ago, has been taken on by development company ISE Estates, formed by a group of local businessmen, to market and manage the project.

The park has a number of built-in advantages over the competition for attracting new businesses. It contains the buildings once used by the RAF for storage and the original high security perimeter fencing required by the service still in place - with Staffordshire Police's support complex next door.

## Location

It's located just 10 minutes from the M6 and adjacent to the Staffordshire Technology Park.

SRB6's Tara Costelloe, who has been providing assistance to ISE to help them market the site, said: "Beacon Business Park would be the ideal location for firms involved in storage, distribution or logistics. The buildings on the site already have loading bays and roller doors, courtesy of the RAF, and ISE are willing to make modifications and provide office accommodation for end users."

"The units, which range from 2,500 up to 70,000 sq ft, have only just gone on the market, but I understand there is already great interest."

"Apart from being a terrific piece of commercial real estate, firms coming to Stafford can benefit from the borough's forward-looking economic regeneration. It's also a terrific place to live and work."

## Laying foundations of stone in Dudley

**B**ELGIAN-owned stone products business Beltrami has taken its first step towards a permanent base in the UK by taking

space on a Dudley industrial estate.

The company is a wholesaler and distributor of natural stone, granite and marble products for the building trade.

It has now moved into a

newly refurbished unit at Grazebrook Industrial Park, Dudley, initially taking 10,500 sq ft of space to fulfil the company's requirements for premises providing warehousing, distribution and administration space.

The location will also

serve as a showroom at which potential customers from all over the UK can view the wide range of natural building materials available.

Graham Knowles, Hulbert Properties chairman, said:

"Beltrami adds yet another dimension to our wide range of business partners here at Grazebrook Industrial Park."

"Our fundamental belief in offering the right tailored package to each and every tenant is the cornerstone of our business."

"We're working in close collaboration with Beltrami in order to not only make their move smooth but also helping to open up further business opportunities for them."

## Helpful

Martin Dolby, UK sales director of Beltrami, has been busy with the move to the new premises, but commented: "Moving into new premises on this scale is difficult enough without having to worry over legal and tenancy issues."

"Hulbert Properties and their appointed agents Sellers Surveyors have been most helpful in their approach and their willingness to assist at every stage of the process has been a great indicator to our medium to long term presence here in Dudley."

Beltrami's longstanding business on the continent has been based on quality, availability and service and now they're poised to offer the same to tile retailers and stone fabricators across the UK.

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Martin Dolby UK sales director of Beltrami Ltd (left) and Lawrence Willetts, commercial director of Hulbert Properties



Newstead Insurance manager (right) outside the company from left: account executive Gemma Pritchard and handler Julian

## Newstead into Birm

ONE OF the UK's leading privately-owned insurance brokers has continued its rapid growth in the West Midlands by re-locating to prestigious offices in the heart of Birmingham's commercial centre.

After 16 years providing a wide range of commercial insurance and financial services, Newstead Insurance Brokers has moved its Birmingham operations to Hagley Road, Edgbaston.

The company, founded in

## Trio add to c

THE expanding Birmingham consultancy White Young Green has added an electrical team.

Three new additions to the team are of Michael Faarup Ward, all based at Calthorpe. Faarup is the company's new electrical director. Mr Faarup is a chartered building services consultant with a wealth of experience in mechanical, electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, fire, security, and other services. Birmingham-born Phil