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PROPERTY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

**CASE STUDY** 

#### Capital value increases on a Business Park

**Property:** Multi-let office park in Leeds **Client:** Institutional Fund Manager

Project: Income enhancement and value growth



# Problem

- A Business Park with one of two buildings vacant (50%)
- A high void rate
- An occupier was identified for the vacant building by the letting agents, but the interest was subject to a canteen being built on land leased to the adjoining occupier.

# Solution

- Engagement with the adjoining occupier to understand its business and how the building worked for them.
- Identified that its main concern was shortage of car parking.
- A deal brokered to exchange some car parking spaces in lieu of an amendment to the lease, sufficient to allow the canteen to be built for the prospective occupier.
- On the back of the relationship formed, the occupier's lease was then re-geared, providing further capital performance.
- New occupier subsequently relocated following rapid expansion. An expansion of the existing occupier was negotiated to ensure the park remained fully occupied.

### Results

- £360,000 per annum of income secured by the original transaction (deal 1).
- Average unexpired lease increased as a result of the lease re-gear (deal 2).
- Capital value increased by 27% following the occupier exercising its break and re-letting to the adjoining occupier (deal 3)