CASE STUDY

Revitalising Oldham Central Trading Estate

Property:Multi-let trade parkClient:Institutional Fund ManagerProject:Managing a multi-disciplinary team, improve void rate and AWULT.



Problem

- A 15 unit trade park in a 'back' and secondary location with no prominence or frontage
- Historically stubborn void rate resulting in an underpopulated feel to the estate
- 60% of the space presented as larger units considered unsuitable for trade counter operators
- Shortening leases with key occupiers expected to relocate
- Dated presentation of the common areas and tired branding
- Significant exposure irrecoverable costs.
- Void rate 26%

Solution

- Full occupier audit and review of services provided
- Single point of contact for the client, the tenants and supporting property consultants
- 'Galvanised' and motivate the landlords team of consultants
- Intense period of tenant engagement
- Review of product quality and offer
- Review of common parts, service charge thresholds and branding
- Targeted cost effective investment in the common areas.
- Strategic relocation of key occupiers to larger units which could not be subdivided
- Subdivision of terraced units to trade counter size bracket

Results

- 7 smaller units created from the existing floor area to accommodate changing occupier demands.
- Established the park as a trade location
- Deals completed on all units
- Tenants attracted and retained include Travis Perkins, Wolseley and Howdens
- Re-branding and marketing overhauled.
- Void rate reduced to 3.8%
- The estate was the Funds top performing asset in 2015
- Trade Counter rents moved on from £4 sq.ft to £4.75 sq.ft

Managed Space 104,500 sq.ft

Headline rents

Increased by 19%

Reduction from 26% to 3.8%