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NEW COLLEGE DURHAM OPEN NEW TRAINING FACILITY AT ASHINGTON

Northern Trust is pleased to confirm that they have completed the letting of a 9,958 sq ft unit at their North Seaton Industrial Estate in Ashington to New College Durham.

The detached unit has been fully refurbished to include a new roof, windows, doors and office space and benefits from an enclosed yard and parking provision. New College Durham has completed the letting of the unit and is planning to open a new training facility at the site.

New College Durham is a high performing further and higher education college with a focus on skills contribution and development. It is the only college in the North East to have been awarded a 'Strong' skills rating by Ofsted, demonstrating the level of commitment to skills development in the region.

New College Durham provides programmes for young people, adult learning, apprenticeships, provision for learners with high needs and higher education delivered through the NCD University Centre. The new premises in Ashington will support the college's vision to be one of the leading training and education providers in the North East, extending delivery north of the Tyne.

Colleen Peters, Vice Principal at New College Durham said: "New College Durham is delighted to be securing premises that will further enable our ongoing collaboration with the key stakeholders. Having a site in the area means we can make training and development even more accessible and available for North of the Tyne residents, and we can strengthen our networks with local employers in the region. We are excited to be creating our training portfolio, for delivery to commence in the near future."

For more details on New College Durham please visit the website at https://www.newcollegedurham.ac.uk/

The unit forms part of Northern Trust's 78,718 sq ft North Seaton Industrial Estate assets which are actively managed by their in house managing agents, Whittle Jones. The property is located opposite Wansbeck Garden Centre on the popular North Seaton Industrial Estate.

Barry Nelson, Regional Property Director at Whittle Jones added "Northern Trust's recent improvement works to the property have provided a great opportunity to realise the property's true potential. New College Durham are a great addition to the list of occupiers at the estate and we are delighted to have been able to provide the space they require for their new training facility."

For further details on available space across the North East please contact the Whittle Jones team on 0191 221 1999 or via email at northeast@whittlejones.co.uk

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Northern Trust is a family owned private company, established in 1962, with a successful track record in property investment, development and strategic land regeneration.

The existing property portfolio extends to over 8 million sq ft of industrial, trade counter and office parks, together with more than 5,000 acres of land throughout the UK, with circa 1,500 acres currently being promoted through the planning process for mixed use development.

The Industrial and Office portfolio contains more than 4,000 individual units with industrial unit sizes ranging from as little as 285 sq ft up to c 50,000 sq ft and office suites from as little as 1 person upwards. Premises are situated in over 200 separate locations and the portfolio extends from the South Midlands to the central belt of Scotland. Through recent acquisitions and new development almost 1 million sq ft has been added to the portfolio within the last 2 years. The portfolio is actively managed by Northern Trust's in-house surveying practice **Whittle Jones**, which has regional offices in the North West, North East, Yorkshire, Midlands and Scotland.

New and existing customers looking for industrial and office accommodation can search the Whittle Jones website.

In addition, **Northern Trust** has developed over 3 million sq ft of commercial space in over 50 locations with over 625,000 sq ft currently under construction or in the development pipeline.

Northern Trust has also secured planning for circa 4,500 new homes over the last two years, and with the current projects covering more than 50 sites where there is potential to bring forward more than 10,000 new homes. The company works closely with house builders, local authorities and special purchasers in bringing forward strategic land regeneration opportunities

Northern Trust has substantial funds available for new investment, development, and strategic land acquisitions throughout the UK. For more information please visit the website at www.northerntrust.co.uk