

Amey Completes Relocation of National Highways' Operations Centre

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[Amey](#) successfully delivers the relocation of National Highways' Northeast Regional Operations Centre to Calder View House in Wakefield. Aiding the road authorities '*Smaller, Better, Greener*' initiative to reduce its carbon footprint by 2030.

For 20 years, the centre was based at Kestrel House, supporting critical services including emergency response coordination, breakdown detection, and traffic signage management. However, the space was no longer fit for purpose, prompting the need for a more efficient and environmentally sustainable facility.

As part of its longstanding partnership with National Highways, Amey led the full delivery of the complex, multi-year relocation project to transform an empty commercial office space it to a fully operational command and control centre for the client.

To meet strict environmental standards, the project required a significant reduction in floor space. Amey also designed and constructed a new control room with structural reinforcements to support 22 55-inch TV screens and a 7-ton UPS battery system. The team installed 7.5 kilometres of data cabling beneath the flooring and fitted 32 data cabinets to support critical operations.

To accommodate a new generator and standby fuel tank, a small area of biodiversity was removed. In response, Amey implemented a range of ecological mitigation measures, including bat boxes, hedgehog houses, and insect hotels, based on recommendations from detailed ecology surveys.

Throughout the project, Amey worked efficiently to ensure the centre remained fully operational, allowing uninterrupted delivery of essential services. The relocation was completed in spring 2025, enabling the National Highways team ample time to move into the new building ahead of the lease expiry at Kestrel

House.

Vanessa Bloomfield, Senior Project Manager at National Highways said: “The Amey site team has gone above and beyond, consistently demonstrating professionalism, initiative, and a genuine commitment to the project’s success. The team’s proactive communication helped us resolve issues before they escalated, and their support for digital services suppliers ensured smooth, uninterrupted progress.”

Ian Warren, Business Director at Amey, commented: “We are proud, this relocation marks one of Amey’s most significant projects for National Highways, underscoring a trusted delivery partnership and shared commitment to sustainable infrastructure. Moving from one site to another is no small feat especially when the technicalities of a control room are considered. The project required rigorous planning, specific requirements and careful coordination, resulting in a fantastic new space.”