

Project Profile

Cardwell Mill Distribution Centre | Blackburn

Client	MDA Limited
Client Sector	Distribution
Project Value	£5m
Services Provided	Grant Advice Employers Agent Planning Supervisor Tax Advice
Project Size	1.41 hectare
Architect	
Contractors	



MDA Limited, the fulfilment and procurement solution specialist, has built a 9,600 m² storage and distribution centre in Cardwell Mill, Blackburn, to service the company's expanding business operations.

The £5 million project was carried out over three phases, and, on final completion, the development gave MDA one of the UK fulfilment industry's most significant state of the art warehousing resources.

Rider Levett Bucknall was initially appointed in 2002 to manage the procurement of a grant from the Regional Development Agency. Through a meticulously prepared grant application, Rider Levett Bucknall demonstrated the importance of MDA as a regional employer through the proposed delivery of over 9,000m² of new and refurbished commercial floorspace on a 1.41 hectare Brownfield site. The document, which highlighted the scheme's potential to secure 260 new jobs for the area, as well as safeguarding the 70 existing jobs on site that could have been lost to the region, enabled MDA to secure a grant of nearly £1million.

The Rider Levett Bucknall team's attention to detail and proactive approach to the grant application inspired MDA to expand their responsibilities to include the role of Employer's Agent and Planning Supervisor for all three phases of the project.

Construction of the multi-phase £5 million project commenced on site in April 2003 and was completed in March 2006 on time and budget.

Key Services

- Secured grant aid of circa £1 million
- Employer's Agent – successfully delivered this multi-phased, Brownfield regeneration project on programme and within budget.
- Planning Supervisor
- Tax advice – as an added value service, Rider Levett Bucknall was also able to secure significant capital allowances against the new buildings and plant/machinery, for MDA to set against their corporation tax liability