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## manchester working

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| <b>Project</b>     | Hamilton Heath – Hendham Vale     |
| <b>Design Team</b> | Preferred Office Environments Plc |
| <b>Size</b>        | 10,000 sq ft                      |
| <b>Timescale</b>   | 14 weeks                          |

### The Brief

POE were given the opportunity by Hamilton Heath to turn this one time industrial unit into commercial offices for Manchester Working. A big challenge in itself as it meant constructing the offices from a pure shell into fully functioning office space.

Being an industrial unit the building envelope had no insulation, this obviously had to be improved in order to comply with building regulations for energy efficiency. The insulation along with the installation of windows had to be done before the fit-out works could commence.

The fit out included the construction of a new mezzanine floor, on which the offices were to be located, this necessitated the provision of a new central core staircase and lift. Suspended ceilings, air-conditioning, power and data units were also installed.

Partitions were used to create private offices, meeting rooms, a kitchen, toilets and disabled toilets with the remainder of the office space being open plan.

One of the challenging aspects of the projects was the installation of the carpet. The carpet was laid in a curved pattern to create a soft finish, the finished effect proved very effective.

Blue and yellow were the colours that were used throughout to create a colourful and vibrant atmosphere, this contrasts with the austere surroundings of the bare industrial units.

Before and after pictures of the project can be viewed overleaf to get a full appreciation of the complete transformation from industrial unit to commercial offices.



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## before



## after



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