

CML Launch Bespoke Rail Maintenance Facility in Sheffield

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Rob McIntosh, Managing Director for Network Rail's Eastern Region has officially cut the ribbon to CML's purpose-built facility at Junction 34 of the M1 at Sheffield. The 22,000sqft facility has been designed to create a bespoke warehouse and office space to drive efficiencies for their rail maintenance and project delivery teams servicing Network Rail's Eastern and Central Regions. It's unique, with the entire site layout designed around servicing the delivery teams, getting construction teams out to site quicker and safer with less non-productive time.

CML was founded in 1986 and have become a leading supplier to the UK rail industry, delivering civil engineering solutions from eight locations nationwide. CML specialise in delivering design and build projects, including embankment and cutting slope stabilisation, overbridge and underbridge renewals and repairs, scour protection solutions, and a wide range of maintenance services to the buildings and civils sector.

Charles Mortimer, CML Managing Director said the significant investment in the new facility was all about generating efficiencies and creating a good platform to support our future. He added: "We set ourselves three key objectives; to make our operations more efficient, to increase our capacity; and to create a more

modern workspace, a great environment for our people to work in.

“Getting the right location and site for the new facility was crucial to achieving our objectives. The new facility sits in an excellent location, positioned right next to the M1 motorway, with good access to the extensive network of rail infrastructure in the north and midlands which our teams service. Being so close to the rail communities of Sheffield and Rotherham also makes a convenient base for staff to travel to and from.”

The building and warehouse have clearly been designed from the ground up to cope with the unique demands of running a fast-paced civil engineering business in the rail sector. The way commercial vehicles are directed and managed on the site; the calculated layout and organisation of resources; the dedicated zones where delivery teams can safely meet with managers, all work towards getting teams out to site safer and faster. The newly fitted office spaces provide a more welcoming environment, incorporating break out areas, hi-tech meeting rooms and dedicated training facilities to support in-house training programmes.

The completion of their new Sheffield facility was timed to coincide with another significant investment to extend and upgrade their head offices located in Chapel Allerton, Leeds. CML originally completed a full restoration on the Grade II listed Georgian building 20 years ago.

As technology and working patterns have evolved, the time was right to re-fit the building to create a more attractive and effective work environment, also reducing the carbon footprint for the operation of the building.

These two modern facilities at Leeds and Sheffield now form the backbone of CML’s operations in the Eastern Region. This recent investment is a significant milestone in the company’s history, setting a firm foundation to support their future and meet the growing demand for CML’s services.



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