Trio of deals landed as Humber Enterprise Park marks 10 year milestone

Humber Enterprise Park in Brough has announced three deals as it marks 10 years as a strategic business location.

Westcore Europe started investing in the site — the historic home to the Hawk jet — after defence giant BAE Systems significantly reduced its East Yorkshire footprint in 2014, with 2024 marking a decade since the sire was subject to a sale and part leaseback. Based close to the M62 and in easy striking distance of Hull, Leeds, York and all Humber ports, the 79 acre enterprise park has proved to be an attractive location for businesses to thrive.

The site features high grade production and storage units as well as office suites, ranging from 1,000 to 30,000 sq ft, all of which have benefitted from a significant upgrade. Westcore is looking to build on recent successes, with Cablescan and Supercraft having made long-term commitments to the site, agreeing seven-and-a-half and nine-and-a-half year deals respectively. Both work in the defence arena.

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Also arriving on site is Pure Renewables, with its commercial and industrial division, on a three-year deal. Cablescan, part of Fortune 500 listed Amphenol Corporation, manufactures electrical cable assemblies and control panels for defence, aerospace, marine, industrial, and commercial applications, with a team of 100 employed on site. Brough is the company's UK headquarters, with further satellite facilities in the UK and Europe.

Lloyd Cooper, Cablescan's business unit director, said: "We are delighted to commit to Humber Enterprise Park, a business location steeped in history and ripe with innovation, that really sets itself apart. As a company with global partners, the site's heritage is a source of real pride.

"The decision has underpinned our plan to invest in the facilities we operate from, with a refurbishment of our office space underway and improving shop floor facilities next on the agenda, further enhancing the great working environment we provide."

Paul Brustad, director of Citivale, asset manager for Westcore, said: "We hope the engineering excellence and innovation fostered over a century at Brough will act as inspiration and a stimulus for prospective new tenants at Humber Enterprise Park. The location offers much to business and the legacy is unrivalled in the area when it comes to the creation of cutting-edge technology.

"We currently have some vacant office space available to let and have also started marketing some sizeable manufacturing/logistics space which will be available later in 2024."

Westcore acquired Humber Enterprise Park in 2019, with BAE Systems committing to a further 10 years on part of the site last year. It is home to the company's Centre for Digital Engineering Excellence,

Launched by Robert Blackburn and developed from the midway point in the First World War, Brough went on to provide flight testing from both its own runway and water launch, with assembly and conversion supporting both war efforts, prior to becoming part of BAE.