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**BARNSLEY**  
Metropolitan Borough Council

INSTALLATION BY FLEXIFORM



**PROFILE:** Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, as part of the regeneration of the town centre, commissioned the building of a new eco-friendly landmark building at Westgate, to provide modern offices to 700 staff previously located in older buildings throughout the town.

**PARTNERSHIP:** New partnership

**CONTACT DETAILS:**

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CLIENT: Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council  
LOCATION: Barnsley  
SIZE: 700 Staff  
PROJECT VALUE: £1,100,000.00  
LENGTH OF PROJECT: One year  
PROJECT START/ END DATES: March 2006 - March 2007  
ARCHITECT: Associated Architects  
WE SUPPLIED: 120-degree Jot benching systems, task seating, Jot lateral units, mobile storage units





Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council spent a great deal of time ensuring that the built environment for their new office was both functional and sustainable. Critical to the success of the new building was the selection and planning of the furniture.

After an extensive tendering process, Flexiform was selected to provide the complete interiors package, including desking, storage, meeting rooms, breakout and loose furniture. Flexiform won the contract for all of the benching, seating and static storage through Jot Design – a division of Flexiform.

Flexiform were selected for the project through the OGC Buying Solutions Catalyst Framework Agreement. This proved beneficial to Barnsley Council as it did not have to worry about pre-auditing Flexiform, or any of our suppliers, saving time and money.

The key factor in the successful completion of the fit-out was the flexibility of Flexiform's desking and storage range, meaning we were able to provide bespoke solutions to each department's working needs – all from a common platform.

For this project, the Jot 120-degree benching system was installed. The benching system could sit groups of varying sizes, from one to 14 people, depending on the formation used. This is a key factor in the establishment of the office layout, as teams of many different sizes operate throughout the building.

The benching was built to a high standard, and was finished in Jot silver with maple worktops. The main task seating was blue Giroflex G64. The G64 is one of the market leaders in task seating, and has been for many years. The Jot lateral storage units supplied were finished in Jot silver, and finished with blue translucent glass tops. Bespoke mobile storage cabinets were provided where flexible team formations were prevalent.

Part of the service was to carry out ergonomic seating assessments for all nominated staff, and post-installation training for all staff on how to correctly set up and use the seating provided. This was an essential part of ensuring that the staff utilised the furniture in the correct way, reducing fatigue and increasing effectiveness.







**Storage**  
Barnsley Council selected side-tambour storage units in several heights: 720mm, 1,300mm and 2,200mm high. The units were fitted with a variety of internal components, such as pull out filing frames and coat rails.



**Breakout Areas**  
A breakout area offers staff ad hoc meeting space for those essential quick chats. Barnsley Council selected 800mm diameter mobile MFC tables and stylish moulded chairs for their breakout areas.



**Bespoke**  
Flexiform can design and manufacture, to order, the perfect storage solution for your office. A fully mobile, secure locking cabinet provides ad hoc storage for hotdesking Council staff.



**Personal Storage**  
Pedestals, desktop "bread bin" storage and underdesk personal organisers were designed for Barnsley Council, providing each member of staff with document storage that is lockable and secure.



**Personal Lockers**  
Barnsley Council provided staff with Flexiform's range of lockers for their personal storage needs. Finished in the Council's corporate blue, each locker is individually labelled and lockable, providing secure storage for all staff.



**120 Desking**  
When selecting desking, Barnsley Council looked for a solution that would match their team structures. Each council team was provided with their own desking pod, in appropriate sizes to suit their team.

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