

hSo arrives at PaddingtonCentral

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Today, hSo announced that it will work in partnership with Development Securities Plc to broadband enable the 11 acre PaddingtonCentral office redevelopment site, which forms part of the Paddington Waterside project.

hSo will work in partnership with Development Securities, and a joint venture between CGNU and Clerical Medical/Equitable Life, who own the PaddingtonCentral site, to incorporate broadband infrastructure into existing and proposed office buildings. hSo will be Development Securities' and the JV's broadband telecoms service supplier of choice to the tenants' in PaddingtonCentral. The first phase, incorporating over 300,000 square feet of office, is due for completion later this year.

"We are delighted with this partnership, as we feel it is both appropriate and beneficial to recognise that broadband enabling office developments is vital to attracting and retaining modern businesses," says Wally Kumar of Development Securities, Project Director for PaddingtonCentral. "hSo has been successful in both their property and tenant relationships, and we are very confident that they will bring considerable extra value to the Paddington Central development."

hSo already has similar partnership agreements with some of the UK's leading property owners such as British Land, Canary Wharf, Legal and General, Morley and Prudential, and began broadband enabling their buildings and supplying a range of broadband services to many of their tenants early last year.

"We are constantly looking for new property owners to partner with, and we are thrilled to have been awarded the PaddingtonCentral site on this prestigious development," says Chris Butchers, Chief Executive Officer of hSo. "Landlords are now seeing the benefits of broadband enabling their buildings. Increasing tenant demand for our services translates into a competitive edge for our property partners, which is especially critical in today's market environment. We offer a range of scaleable and cost effective, core broadband services, which immediately increase communications speed, productivity and security - a business essential."

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