

The Connector

Cambois Data Centre Campus Community Newsletter



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QTS is transforming the former Power Station site into a data centre campus. This community newsletter will keep you updated on the development of the campus, community benefits, job opportunities and upcoming events.

Season's Greetings

QTS wishes you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We're grateful for the warm welcome we've received from the Cambois community and look forward to continuing our work together in 2026. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Enabling Works Celebration

On 7 October, QTS hosted a celebration event marking the start of enabling works at the Cambois data centre campus. Nearly 200 local stakeholders and community members joined us, including business leaders and local politicians. The enabling works, undertaken by Rainton Construction, started on 8 October and are due to finish in the summer of 2026.

The event also marked the launch of QTS's Social Value Programme, setting out our commitment to create new jobs, plus hundreds of apprenticeships, internships, and work placements for young people. We are delighted to confirm that 80 percent of staff working on the enabling works currently live within 25 miles of Cambois, demonstrating our commitment to local employment from day one. We're investing in training and upskilling opportunities for the existing and future workforce and building partnerships with small businesses. This milestone represents the first visible step in the North East's journey as a global hub for AI growth.



Progress & Next Steps

Planning permission has now been confirmed for the first two data centre buildings. We hope to start piling (the process of creating stable foundations) in early 2026.

Additional suppliers and contractors will be needed as construction of the first data centre building progresses. For more information, or if you're interested in becoming a supplier, visit the QTS Cambois website.



Social Value Steering Group Update

We want to ensure that we work with local partners and stakeholders across the employment, skills, education, business, and voluntary sectors to help us deliver the maximum benefits for the community. To help structure our engagement and initiatives, we have set up a Social Value Steering group led by our Social Strategy Director, Rita Patel Miller. The group had its first two meetings and will continue to meet throughout the duration of the project.

National Skills Academy for Construction Status

QTS is proud to have been awarded the National Skills Academy for Construction (NSAFC) award for the Cambois data centre campus project by the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB).

This status will provide us with a platform to maximise the benefits of our employment and skills strategy and achievements through the construction of the data centre campus at Cambois, and this will be the first new data centre project in the UK to achieve this award and status.



Remembrance Day Tribute

QTS commissioned Earth Balance Shed – a local charity run by volunteers – to create a Lancaster Bomber plane from plywood that releases a sea of crocheted poppies as a special Remembrance Day tribute for the Cambois community. The plane was displayed at the Cenotaph in St Andrews Church Cambois for the Remembrance Day service on Sunday 9 November. QTS has a proud history of supporting military veterans. We're privileged to be working with Anxious Minds as part of our Better Together campaign, with our partnership supporting the expansion of the charity's Veteran Recovery College and additional programmes to support veterans and their families.



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If you would like to get in touch with a member of the project team, please contact cambois@qtsdatacenters.com or leave a comment on our website.