



## **Proposed MPQC Office Relocation**

Subject to consultation, it is proposed that with effect from 1 March 2010 the MPQC office at St Albans will close and the administrative centre for both the Awarding Body and Skills Centre Divisions will be relocated to Nottingham, where it will share the building currently occupied by The Institute of Quarrying and QMJ Publishing Limited.

MPQC Chairman, David Sharman commented that this proposal has been developed because of the impending expiry of the lease on the St Albans office and also the need to reduce operating costs where possible, without affecting the service provided to MPQC members and centres'.

He went to say that 'a Nottingham base offered several advantages in that it would be both geographically in the centre of the industry and also more readily accessible for most of MPQC's field staff members. Also, the proposed location could provide a significant reduction in rent, rates and other office costs compared with St Albans, as well as the opportunity to work closely with The Institute of Quarrying to develop a more co-ordinated approach to industry education and training in future'.

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