

## Press Release

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### Cundall celebrates growth with expanded Birmingham office

**Multidisciplinary engineering consultancy Cundall is cementing its position as the leading Built Environment Consultants in the West Midlands with the expansion of their Birmingham office at Colmore Row.**

Formally opened on 15 November 2017 by David Dryden, Cundall's Chairman, the expanded office not only provides extra space for the growing numbers of staff, but is the latest of Cundall's offices to become a showcase for its sustainability and well-being standards.

*“Our choice of design, materials and layouts at Colmore Row allows us to submit the office for the internationally acclaimed WELL Building Standard® certification, matching the one we've already won for our London office. It is the only project in the West Midlands, and one of only a handful outside London, to attempt WELL status. Colmore Row is also an exemplar project in how a business can provide a positive and healthy workplace for its staff, whilst also making a “Net Positive” benefit to its environment.”* **Andrew Parkin, Partner at Cundall.**

In his launch address, David praised the energy and confidence of the Birmingham team, and recognised how the positivity in the local market had made the expansion possible: *“This is the only office in Cundall that has grown nonstop since it started, and considering what we've been through in the last 15 years, that is no small achievement. Cundall's growth in Birmingham has shown the amazing flexibility of the team here and their belief in – and commitment to – the regional market. We feel that the Midlands is a really bright spot in the UK and that gives us the confidence to look ahead and build for the future.”*

David continues: *“This amazing office, and its award-winning predecessor, attracts the brightest talent in the region and has become a place where people love to work. Because of this, we've been encouraged to add other specialisms to the services offered locally to our clients, such as our world-class acoustics team.”*

Having taken the 7,000 sqft fourth floor of Colmore Row in May 2014, Cundall believed the new office would provide them with sufficient space for five years of growth. Within 18 months, the practice was outgrowing the office, with staff desks creeping into breakout and meeting areas, and new premises were sought. When the floor above the existing workspace became available, Cundall took advantage of the opportunity.

Concludes Robert van Zyl, Building Services Partner and head of Cundall's Birmingham office: *“With all the development around HS2, the region's universities and advanced manufacturing, we feel that the Midlands region is one of the most exciting areas for growth in the UK. Based on this, we're planning for our Birmingham office to grow to 150 and place Cundall in the perfect position to make the best of the opportunities available.”*

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### **Net Positive**

The world is in a perilous state and the built environment is the cause of a lot of the damage. Most of the initiatives up to this point have been about doing less or no harm but Cundall feels very strongly that we are beyond the point where this will be enough.

So Cundall is going beyond “Net Zero” to “Net Positive”

Net Positive simply means putting more back into the environment or society than an organisation takes out, with a resulting overall positive impact.

### **Cundall and the WELL Building Standard®**

The WELL Building Standard® is a performance-based system for measuring, certifying, and monitoring features of the built environment that impact human health and well-being, through air, water, nourishment, light, fitness, comfort and mind. In November 2016, Cundall’s London office at One Carter Lane became the first project in the UK and Europe to achieve WELL Certification through the WELL Building Standard® (WELL), becoming WELL Certified® at the Gold level.

### **Cundall: 40 years of clever, friendly engineering**

**Cundall** is an international multi-disciplinary engineering consultancy with over 800 staff and offices in 11 countries across the globe.

2016 saw Cundall (Cundall Johnston and Partners LLP) celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Established in 1976, Cundall’s founding partners shared a common vision that the practice would become a leading multi-disciplinary engineering consultancy built on sound ethical principles. For 41 years, Cundall’s engineering expertise, coupled with creativity, innovation and a deep-rooted understanding of people and communities, has allowed the business to develop the best possible solutions for clients’ projects. We are Clever, Friendly Engineers.

Harkening back to the founders’ roots, sustainability is integral to our approach. We provide our clients with practical advice and solutions, which reduce the environmental impact of developments, and provide better spaces for building users and occupiers, as well as for the wider community.

Cundall is the world’s first consultancy to be endorsed as a One Planet Company. As a business, Cundall has implemented several sustainable initiatives on projects around the world, as well as in our offices and homes. For example, Cundall’s new London office at One Carter Lane is the first building in the UK and Europe to achieve WELL Certification through the WELL Building Standard™ (WELL), a goal intended to put the health and wellbeing of the occupants at the heart of building design.

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