Cambridge Education Group (CEG) appointed The Workspace Consultants to project manage the development of a new London campus for the University of Hull at 2 Redman Place, Stratford.

Occupying approximately 40,000 sq ft across the 8th and 9th floors, the project involved transforming largely shell-and-core accommodation into a modern higher education facility. The new campus includes a range of teaching and IT facilities, a library, quiet study areas, flexible collaborative spaces, student support and careers services, academic offices and dedicated areas for presentations and events. The design makes good use of the building's elevated position and views across London, creating a welcoming environment for students and staff.

Our involvement began with feasibility studies, block planning and the development of the client's brief, establishing the spatial, operational and technical requirements for the new campus. We then prepared the Employer's Requirements and managed a competitive tender process involving four design and build contractors, which resulted in the appointment of Thirdway.

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Working closely with CEG and the wider project team, we managed the design development, procurement and construction stages, maintaining oversight of the programme, costs and quality throughout.

One of the key challenges was adapting the existing commercial building to meet the demands of a higher education environment. This required careful coordination of the Category A and B works, particularly the mechanical and electrical services, ventilation requirements for high-occupancy teaching spaces, acoustic performance and the integration of specialist AV and IT systems. Landlord approvals and coordination with the building's existing infrastructure were also important considerations. Despite the technical challenges and demanding programme, the project was successfully completed on time and within the approved budget, providing CEG with a high-quality, flexible campus designed around the needs of students and teaching staff.

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