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Our head of Milton Keynes is on a mission to help cement the city's place at the heart of the knowledge economy.

Like many of her science and technology sector clients, Holly tackles her work innovatively, moving away from a traditional agency approach and striving to ensure her clients get the best deal possible.

Holly advises landlords, tenants and occupiers by helping unlock the true potential of commercial properties. Never afraid to push her clients that little bit further, Holly helps elevate property above the industry average, across the far-from-average Milton Keynes market.

Holly is advising mixed-use developer First Base, as it creates a new quarter in the heart of Milton Keynes. This blend of Grade A offices, flexible workspaces and Build-to-Rent homes has Holly written all over, with her market knowledge and advice shaping the proposal and vision for the new-to-Milton Keynes developer.

She always gets her teeth stuck in, with a Grade A specification redevelopment and re-let on Victoria House, Avebury Boulevard; and Witan Gate House in Central Milton Keynes, the city's largest single floorplate, both these sites are shining examples of Holly's contribution to the future make up of Milton Keynes.

Key relevant project experience

Retained to provide agency advice on behalf of Threadneedle following their acquisition of Caldecotte Lake Business Park in Milton Keynes comprising a total built stock of 171,000 sq ft. Reducing the vacancy rate to 2% and assisting the client in realising their vision to enable onward sale of the scheme in late 2019.

Acting on behalf of Zurich Assurance in the disposal of 67,000 sq ft of office space in MK Central on Elder Gate, Milton Keynes, to Santander UK plc. The largest single office letting in Milton Keynes in the past 5 years.

Providing strategic market background and agency advice to Schroders following their acquisition of Exchange Square in Central Milton Keynes. Subsequent letting activity has delivered an increase in headline rents from £17.50 per sq ft to £22.50 per sq ft with further space being brought to market in 2020.

Advising Palmer Capital & Wrenbridge in the disposal of office and R&D space at Colworth Park, a 91-acre science and research park located in Bedfordshire with the ability to offer up to 400,000 sq ft D&B options.