

Wind of change

WORK on a £2 million eco-friendly business centre aimed at regenerating one of the poorest parts of Brighton was completed yesterday.

The Westergate Business Centre in Westergate Road, Moulsecoomb, includes nine light-industrial units and ten offices and will house up to 17 businesses.

It has various energy efficient features such as solar heating, natural ventilation, geo-thermal heating, growing walls planted with vegetation and a wind turbine.

The latter, believed to be the first of its type in Brighton and Hove, will generate power for external lighting with any excess being sold back to the National Grid.

The award-winning development is joint funded by regional development agency SEEDA, community regeneration group eb4U and the Brighton & Hove Regeneration Partnership.

Peter Field, eb4U partner director and chairman of the regeneration partnership, said: "This state-of-the-art development, which has already won an award recognising its eco-friendly qualities, is generating a lot of interest from prospective tenants."

The Westergate Business Centre is scheduled to open in early January and already has ten firms lined up to fill its units.

The £15,000 turbine was built by Hampshire-based firm Segen and stands 15 metres tall.

NEW OPPORTUNITY:
From left: Alan Teague, chairman of eb4U, Peter Field, director of eb4U, Lee Baxter of Segen, Rob Leith of Bluestone and councillor Sue John

