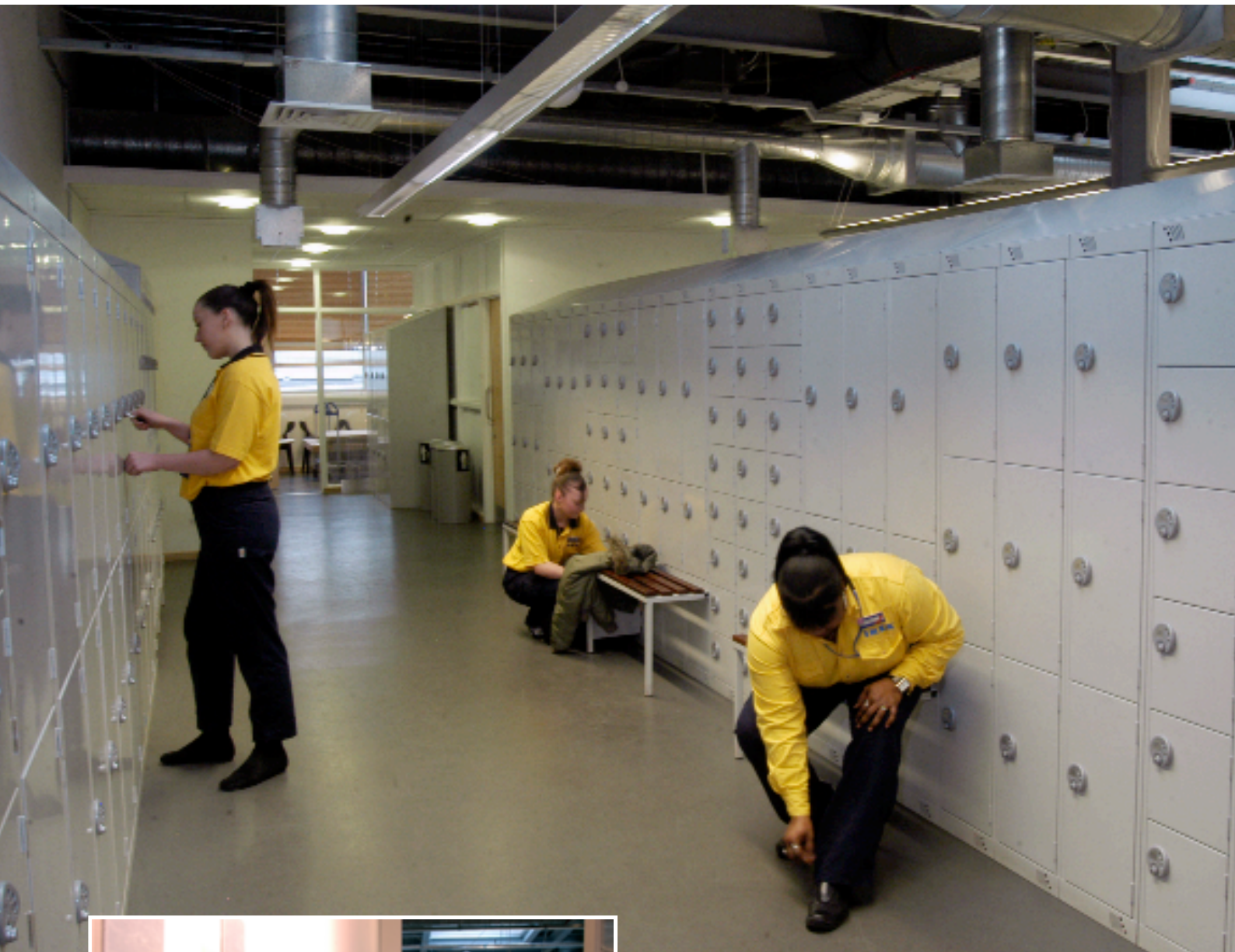


IKEA Headquarters



With approximately 1000 'co-worker' staff and visitors on site at any given time, the IKEA store and headquarters operation in Brent, North London reflects the standing that the organisation has achieved in this country.

The premises now benefit from a major installation of Link Lockers products which has not only met the day-to-day personnel and visitor storage requirements but also highlights IKEA's commitment to its Co-worker welfare.

IKEA Headquarters

At the heart of the refurbishment programme is an open plan locker area, adjacent to both male and female changing and washroom facilities on the third floor. Link Locker steel lockers are featured to provide a total of almost 1000 individual compartments, all of which were installed within a single working week - a key requirement of Phase 2 of the refurbishment programme.

The net result is not only a significant increase in the number of locker compartments compared with the original layout, but also a series of benefits that arise from the design specifications.

Joeri Decae, Sales Director at Link Lockers explains: "The personal storage requirements at the site are extremely varied. Some users need space for no more than a handbag, whilst others may have larger items such as motor cycle leathers and helmets - even, in the case of overseas visitors, suitcases," he says. "With an allied obligation to meet Health and Safety provisions that call for IKEA Food Services Co-workers to be able to change into their uniforms at work, the arrangement of the lockersizes is important."

Heater Elements

"As a result, the IKEA facility now boasts a wide variety of Link Locker configurations, from units with six compartments to those with just one," he continues, "and all benefit from BioCote protection in the paint finish." With the shared locker area located between the separate washrooms the facility can also readily accommodate any changes in male/female staff ratios. IKEA's approach to co-worker welfare is clearly exhibited by the fact that a number of the lockers are heated via electrical elements located underneath the perforated base. Further perforations vent warmed air through the locker to provide members of staff with more than just a simple storage facility. All lockers are fitted with coin return, key-operated locks, allowing users to select the most appropriate locker for their specific requirements.

With sloping tops to prevent items being left on top of lockers, and the benefit of Link Lockers benches located at convenient positions, this new locker facility is seen as one of the largest and most prestigious of its type in the retail sector.



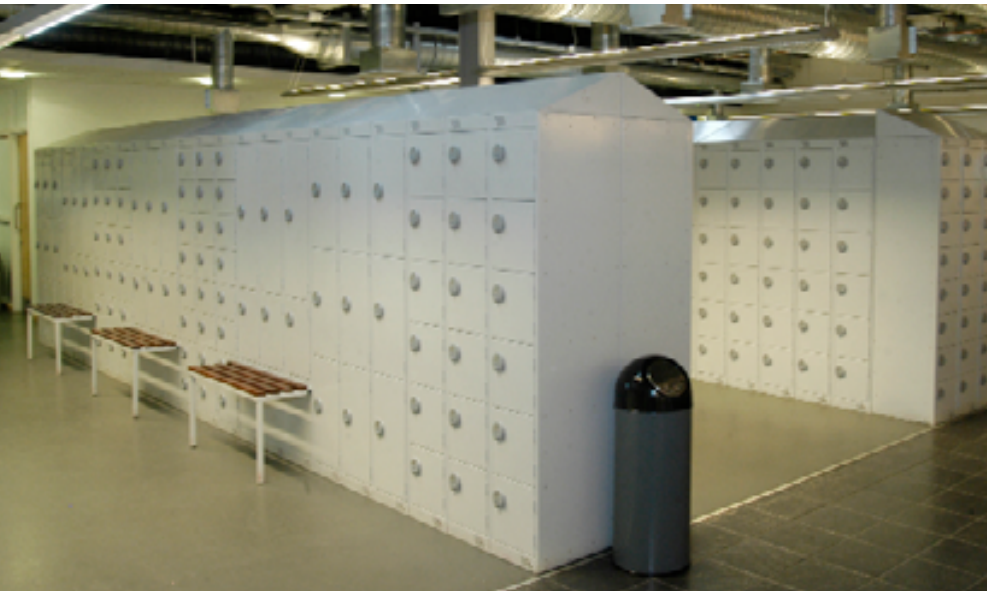
The Client says:

Angelo Micciche, Project Leader for IKEA Brent Park refurbishment, explained why IKEA chose Link Lockers for the new co-worker area:

"At IKEA we offer a wide range of well-designed, functional home furnishing products at prices so low that as many people as possible can afford them.

Our working environment must at all times reflect this core philosophy as well as our expertise in design and home furnishings.

We chose Link Lockers for our new Co-worker areas because like IKEA they offered a functional, well designed product at a competitive price."



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