

CASE STUDY - RATING CONSULTANCY

NORTHERN IRELAND ADVANCED COMPOSITES AND ENGINEERING CENTRE (NIACEC)

Dunlop Heywood provides Rating Consultancy services to NIACE Limited. The Northern Ireland Advanced Composites and Engineering Centre (NIACEC) is a participant based, purpose built research facility located in Belfast. It was born out of collaboration between Academia, Industry and Government.



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Dunlop Heywood provides NIACEC with the following services:

- Rating appeals
- Lands tribunal
- Consultancy services in respect to rating valuation
- Consultancy services in respect to industrial derating
- Consultancy services in respect to exemption from rates
- Valuation tribunal
- Upper tribunal (Lands Chamber)
- Empty property rates
- Relief for partly occupied property and listed buildings
- Transitional certificates
- Audit of historic liabilities
- Budget planning
- Cash flow management
- Invoice approval
- Transactional calculations

Key achievements are:

- Rating appeals - total net annual value reduction of £64,500
- Business rates liability - savings in excess of £180,000