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Construction appointed to deliver £97.5 million Hackney regeneration scheme

Morgan Sindall Construction has been appointed to two schemes for Hackney Council worth a combined total of around £97.5 million.

The company will deliver the new state-of-the-art Britannia Leisure Centre and public realm improvements under a £53.8 million contract and a new secondary school and sixth form, the City of London Academy Shoreditch Park, under a £43.7 million contract.

Morgan Sindall Construction & Infrastructure has been selected on the project via the Southern Construction Framework, which is available as a vehicle for public bodies in the South of England to procure major building works.

The projects form the first phase of Hackney Council's programme to replace an outdated leisure centre with the facilities and hundreds of new homes – including those for genuinely affordable social rent and shared ownership.

Designed with local people and users, the new leisure centre will include:

- Six-lane, 25 metre main pool with moveable floor
- 20 metre x 10 metre training pool with moveable floor
- Leisure water – for children and families – with water features and a flume
- Café and toilets
- Six-court sports hall
- Crèche and soft play area
- Sauna and steam room
- Fitness suite, spin studio and flexible studio spaces
- Four squash courts
- Two five-a-side pitches
- Two tennis/netball courts

The new leisure centre's modern facilities will better meet the expectations and ambitions of existing residents, and respond to new demand from the growing population in the borough. The centre will also improve access for people with disabilities and comply with design guidance from Sport England and other governing bodies where relevant.

The centre is due to complete in spring 2021 and will be delivered by a project team including FaulknerBrown Architects and Buro Happold engineers. Project management for Hackney Council will be delivered by Hadron Consulting. The current leisure centre won't close until the new one is open.

The new City of London Academy Shoreditch Park will provide a much-needed secondary school and sixth form with 1,140 new school places to help to meet demand in Hackney.

With a gross internal area of 12,500 sq m, the building will support the delivery of the whole curriculum, with excellent facilities for all subjects, including specialised spaces for ICT, science, music and drama. A new rooftop playground area will also be constructed to create a relaxing outdoor area where students will be able to play and enjoy being outside.

The City of London Academy Trust has an outstanding track record in the borough. The school is one of the top schools in the country for pupil progress, with 89 per cent of students at The City Academy Hackney achieving five or more A* to C grades at GCSE level. The new school will continue to use Hackney's existing admissions policy, based on distance from the school, and will not be selective.

The project team delivering the school includes Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios architects, Buro Happold engineers, with external project management for Hackney Council being delivered by PCSG. Works on the school are due to complete in early summer 2021.

Richard Dobson, area director for Morgan Sindall Construction, said: "We're delighted to have been appointed to these important projects which will revitalise and regenerate this key area of Hackney and provide the community with outstanding facilities to train and enjoy their leisure time, while bolstering education provision in the borough.

"Morgan Sindall Construction has an excellent track record of working collaboratively with leading local authorities and our project partners to deliver outstanding leisure and education facilities for communities across central London and the UK. We are looking forward to bringing this long-standing experience and expertise to bear on this major development for Hackney.

"Both developments will have a significant impact on the health and wellbeing of Hackney's community and most importantly, its youngest residents, and we're proud to be playing a role in improving education and leisure provision for Hackney's current community and its future citizens."

The area will also get a bio-diversity boost as part of the wider project; more trees will be planted, bird boxes will be introduced, and wildlife-friendly planting will provide a greater variety of habitats and food sources for bees and other insects.

Morgan Sindall Construction has wide-ranging experience in the leisure sector having successfully delivered over £335 million of leisure schemes nationally over the last five years.

The company has also recently been appointed to three frameworks in London, including a reappointment to the Southern Construction Framework, City of London Corporation's General Major Works Framework, and four lots on the London Construction Programme Framework. All three frameworks offer clients the chance to work collaboratively during pre-construction to help manage risk and budgets on complex capital works projects.

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