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Morgan Sindall appointed to £1.4 million contract to update University of East Anglia student accommodation

Morgan Sindall has been appointed to a £1.4 million contract to update 425 student bedrooms for the University of East Anglia (UEA).

The project is already underway, and will comprise the modernisation of bedrooms and some kitchen areas in four accommodation blocks across the University campus.

Rooms in Paston House, Orwell Close and Wolfson Close halls will be updated with new carpets and redecoration, while in The Village 26 of the 101 kitchens will be rejuvenated, refreshing the accommodation on offer to students. Bedrooms in Broadview Lodge, the on-campus bed and breakfast used by visitors to the university will also be refurbished as part of the project.

Linda Shepherd, deputy dean of students at UEA, said: "The University is committed to a programme of continual improvement and updating of its student accommodation. Working with Morgan Sindall to deliver the latest stage of our refurbishment plans has been a very positive experience."

Gavin Napper, area director at Morgan Sindall, said: "The project at UEA will give a new lease of life to the accommodation available for students as they complete their degrees at the University of East Anglia.

"The Morgan Sindall project team is well versed in first class student accommodation and we are enjoying working on the campus in collaboration with the university."

The 11 week project will be ready for students from September 2015.

The refurbishment of the student accommodation follows the completion of the Enterprise Centre on the university campus. The £11.6 million project at the Enterprise Centre is the UK's greenest commercial building, and achieved both Passivhaus and a BREEAM Outstanding rating. The building includes a number of innovative materials and processes, and its timber frame is constructed from Thetford Forest pine – local, carbon negative and a UK first.

The Morgan Sindall team is also currently on site at a £10 million project to construct a new 228-bedroom student accommodation development in the heart of Norwich City Centre intended for students at the Norwich University of the Arts. Work on the design and build project for Alumno Developments is close to completion and will deliver a new nine-storey development, called All Saints Norwich, next to Norwich bus station.

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