

# News

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## **Morgan Sindall appointed to build £8.5 million student accommodation for Leeds Trinity University**

Morgan Sindall plc has been appointed by Leeds Trinity University to build an £8.5 million student accommodation block at the University's Brownberrie Lane campus.

The part six, part seven-storey building will include 228 en-suite bedrooms within its 29 'cluster' apartments which each share communal amenities such as kitchens and living areas. The building will be set within a newly landscaped environment which includes new planting and improved pedestrian access routes.

Each level of the building will typically include one seven-bedroom, one six-bedroom and three nine-bedroom, clusters while a reception area, laundry, coffee lounge and games room will be situated on the ground floor. Two warden's apartments and 13 disabled access rooms will also be included.

The building, which will enclose a private green courtyard, will help the university meet its expected student growth numbers for the next five years and was granted planning permission by Leeds City Council's planning committee in April 2015.

Existing buildings on the university campus have inspired the new building's design and have been used as the driving influence on the form of the new building. Brick façades and recessed windows follow design cues already present on site.

Chris Brown, operations director at Morgan Sindall's Leeds office, said: "This is an important appointment for us and plays directly to our strengths and experience within the student accommodation market.

"The building has been designed to raise the quality of student accommodation at Leeds Trinity University and we are committed to driving the same level of quality through the construction programme.

"We have an experienced team on site and are applying rigour and professionalism to ensure we meet the standards we set ourselves and those expected by our customers."

Stephen Oddy, Director of Facilities at Leeds Trinity University, said: "These latest proposals highlight Leeds Trinity University's commitment to developing and sustaining a campus that reflects its ambitions as a growing institution, as well as providing an aesthetically pleasing, sustainable environment that our staff, students and the local community can be proud of.

"The appointment follows a welcome increase in student applications at the University over recent years. Currently there are approximately 3,200 students on campus, with an estimated 1,000 additional students expected to join over the next five years.

"The University is committed to providing its students with the best experience possible by continually investing in ongoing improvements to the campus buildings and facilities. The new accommodation will vastly improve campus life and ensure students have everything they need in one place."

In fewer than 50 years, Leeds Trinity University has transformed itself from two small Catholic teacher training colleges to an acclaimed university with an excellent track record for launching the careers of its students.

The contract commenced in August 2015 and is expected to be complete by September 2016 to coincide with the 2016 student intake.

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