

# News

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## **Morgan Sindall breaks ground at £7.7 million energy headquarters in Great Yarmouth**

Morgan Sindall and Great Yarmouth Borough Council have broken ground for a £7.7 million landmark headquarters at Beacon Park.

The warehouse base is being constructed at the flagship Enterprise Zone at Beacon Park, a premier business location and established hub for the energy sector on the east coast of East Anglia.

The project is being delivered by Great Yarmouth Borough Council, the park's owner and developer, and will be occupied by Proserv, a growing energy business providing products, services and bespoke solutions to clients across the drilling production and decommissioning market sectors.

The 6,050 sq.m base will comprise modern office space and storage facilities as well as several specialist areas including laboratories, engraving areas, test rooms, clean rooms and welding and soldering areas. The Morgan Sindall project team will also deliver a large external yard for deliveries and a car park for 164 vehicles.

Saul Humphrey, managing director of Morgan Sindall's East Anglia business, said: "We're pleased to have started work at this new commercial warehouse site. Once complete, the building will provide Proserv with the office, storage space, and specialist facilities they need, helping to deliver real efficiencies for its business.

"The 6,050 sq.m warehouse is one of the largest steel frame buildings being built in Norfolk at the moment and we're working closely with the council to deliver this important and ambitious scheme.

"Morgan Sindall has delivered a range of key industrial facilities across the UK and we're looking forward to completing the scheme in spring 2018."

Chris Starkie, managing director of New Anglia LEP, said: "This is great news for Proserv, their employees and the wider economy. It's also a real shot in the arm for our all-energy coastline - within which Proserv is a key supplier and employer - and further evidence of the significance of our Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft Enterprise Zone in attracting and retaining investment in the East."

The borough council has invested £4.5 million in the development, with an additional £1.5 million coming from New Anglia LEP's Growing Places Fund. Proserv is contributing up to £2 million towards the fit-out for their requirements and will be taking a 20-year lease on completion, bringing the 190 staff that are currently based at three sites across Great Yarmouth under one roof.

In a joint statement, the council's political group leaders, Cllr Graham Plant, Cllr Kay Grey, Cllr Trevor Wainwright and Cllr Adrian Myers, said: "The breaking of ground for this new landmark energy headquarters reflects Great Yarmouth's long-standing position as a global offshore energy capital and Beacon Park's reputation as the location of choice for energy investment and growth.

"The borough council is committed to supporting any businesses with aspirations to relocate to or expand within the area. This success has come about through close partnership working across the public and private sectors, and we look forward to welcoming Proserv and its staff to Beacon Park early next year."

Simon Harvey, head of operations at Proserv, said: “This is a significant milestone in the development of our new facility which will serve as a global hub and Centre of Excellence for our subsea communication and controls activities. We would once again like to extend our sincere appreciation and thanks to Great Yarmouth Borough Council for their continued support in getting us to this exciting stage.”

The Morgan Sindall team in East Anglia has also recently completed work on a £4.1 million expansion project at Queen’s Hill Primary School at Costessey near Norwich. The scheme included a 10 classroom extension and has enabled the school to nearly double its intake.

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