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Morgan Sindall Construction delivers first phase of £100 million technology and R&D campus in Cambridge

Work has completed on the first phase of a new £100 million technology and R&D campus in Sawston, South Cambridge.

The scheme, delivered by Morgan Sindall Construction for Howard Group, is the first development of the new Unity Campus, set in the heart of the South Cambridge Cluster on the former Sawston Trade Park site on London Road.

The first phase included the construction of the campus' largest Grade A business, research and development building, The Works. Housed in a pre-cast concrete frame, The Works will offer 63,000 square feet of innovative, multi-occupancy offices, R&D and lab facilities.

Designed by world-leading architects, NBBJ, the two-storey accommodation is constructed around a large, double height atrium housing shared breakout, amenity and informal meeting space.

Across the campus, parking space for 670 bikes and 703 vehicles, including disabled spaces, will be provided, alongside a new access road from A1301 and upgraded footpaths and cycle ways linking the estate with Whittlesford Parkway station.

When complete, Unity Campus aims to provide Cambridge's thriving knowledge intensive business sector with 260,000 square foot of high quality, contemporary space to foster collaborative relationships and enable co-innovation.

Bob Enschede, area director at Morgan Sindall Construction, said: "Unity Campus will provide a stunning location with unique and inspiring facilities that will enable businesses within the South Cambridge Cluster to foster world-leading collaboration and innovation.

"We have enjoyed working closely with Howard Group to ensure the successful delivery of such an important part of the Unity Campus."

William Jewson, Director - Development at Howard Group, commented: "We have enjoyed working with Morgan Sindall Construction to help us kick off our masterplan for Unity Campus. Our goal is to create a business park which meets the needs of a new generation of employers and employees, with striking architecture, grade A infrastructure, a pedestrian and cycle friendly circulation space and excellent amenities both internally and externally. The completion of construction at The Works is a crucial milestone in realising that goal."

Morgan Sindall Construction is delivering a number of key projects in the Cambridgeshire area, including the £14.6 million expansion and refurbishment of Cromwell Community College in the town of Chatteris.

The project will see the construction of a new pre-school, one-form-entry primary school and additional secondary teaching classrooms, as well as new food technology rooms, sports pitches, play areas and landscaping.

Works will also include internal renovation to the existing main college site, with the addition of a new performance hall and classrooms and the demolition of the existing art block, opening up a

total of 210 new school places for children in the region.

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