Morgan Sindall Construction selected to deliver £29 million Milton Keynes school

Morgan Sindall Construction’s Northern Home Counties office has been selected to deliver a new £29 million ‘all-through’ school in Wavendon, Milton Keynes.

Milton Keynes Council has named the company as preferred bidder to deliver a new 1,530 place school under a pre-construction services agreement, via the Pagabo national framework for major construction works.

The school, located at Glebe Farm, will be open to pupils aged five to 16 and will also include a nursery with the equivalent of 39 full time places.

Development of the school will be located on a 95,000 square metre site – an area larger than 13 football pitches – off Burney Drive in Glebe Farm, where hundreds of new houses have been built.

The development is being funded from a combination of Basic Need Government funding, Section 106 grant funding and Milton Keynes Council borrowing.

The investment is part of a drive to support the growing population in Milton Keynes, which is expected to rise by 40,000 to almost 300,000 by 2026.

The school will be open to families living in Glebe Farm for children in reception to Year 6. This catchment area will be extended to Eagle Farm, Woburn Sands and Wavendon Village for children in Year 7 to 11.

Sports facilities such as an artificial grass pitch will also be made available for use by the local community.

David Rowsell, Northern Home Counties area director at Morgan Sindall Construction, said: “This development marks a significant investment in the education provisions available to families in south east Milton Keynes and is a testament to the council’s ambition to develop its network of high quality schools across the area.

“Glebe Farm’s new school will be transformational for the community, providing hundreds of children with a school building that they can call home throughout their journey in full-time education.

“Morgan Sindall Construction is incredibly proud to have been appointed as preferred bidder for this project by Milton Keynes Council and we’re looking forward to working with our Client closely with our project partners as the first phase of delivery gets underway. As a company, we are keen to continue to further develop our existing relationship with Milton Keynes having successfully collaborated with them in recent years. We have a wealth of experience in delivering major education projects and we’re thrilled to be able to offer our specialist expertise to support the council’s vision for the future of Glebe Farm.”

Councillor Zoe Nolan, Cabinet Member for Children and Families said: “This school will provide places for many children throughout their full-time education. They will not have to make the transition from primary into secondary school. They will be able to stay put and that will help them
to focus on doing their best. We are delighted that the design process will be underway soon and look forward to sharing those plans. As Milton Keynes continues to grow, we will continue to invest in and prioritise our network of high quality schools.”

Morgan Sindall Construction is also delivering a number of key education projects across the region. In Bedfordshire, work has begun on two major projects to expand and refurbish Vandyke Upper School and Gilbert Inglefield Academy in Leighton Buzzard, worth a combined value of £16.7 million. The company has been appointed to both projects through the Southern Construction Framework (SCF).

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