

# News

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## **Morgan Sindall hands over £17m hat-trick of Slough schools**

Three primary school projects providing 674 additional school places have recently been completed in Slough by Morgan Sindall.

Claycots Primary School (£8.2m), Priory School Special Education Needs facility (£2.6m) and St Mary's CE Primary School (£5.9m) have all been successfully handed over by the construction and infrastructure company.

The three projects, which expand and enhance existing campuses, provide invaluable additional school places and specialist learning support. They are part of the wider £54m investment Slough Borough Council (SBC) has made in its education provision since 2015.

Work to expand James Elliman Academy's dining hall and build six new classrooms was concluded last September, while construction of a new three story teaching block at Wexham School, on Norway Drive, is due to complete later this year.

These projects have all been delivered through Slough Urban Renewal (SUR); a joint venture between SBC and Morgan Sindall Investments Limited, a standout example of effective public-private partnership being harnessed to deliver vital municipal projects at pace.

James York, Morgan Sindall's Area Director in Slough, said: "The holistic approach afforded by the public-private partnership allows us to deliver modern, future-proof learning environments in Slough at a pace that other areas of the country can only dream of at present.

"SUR is enabling rapid regeneration across the borough; removing the traditional delay from planning desk to breaking ground. We're incredibly pleased to hand over this latest trio of school projects and look forward to continuing to work with the local authority to deliver its investment in the next generation."

Councillor Shabnum Sadiq, cabinet member for children and education, said: "The council's ambitious school places programme has seen a multi-million pound investment in primary and secondary school buildings, extensions and new schools to meet the needs of Slough's current and future young people.

"We are delighted to see our students now benefitting from greatly improved teaching spaces, libraries and dining halls, as well as new sports halls and playgrounds."

Andy Howell, SUR General Manager, said: "SUR and Morgan Sindall is demonstrating the ability to respond quickly to deliver the Council's investment in new high quality learning facilities and the demand for school places."

The transformative effect the SUR model has had on the town was showcased at MIPIM - the international property festival in Cannes.

Morgan Sindall's flagship event at the festival - Winning the UK Regeneration Game - saw representatives from SUR and Homes England join civic leaders from across the UK to discuss the innovative ways public-private partnerships are removing roadblocks to regeneration across the

country, and examine the transferability of the Slough model to other city regions.

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