

# News

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## **Morgan Sindall landmark Chemistry Centre wins Sustainability Project of the Year at the Building Awards**

Morgan Sindall is thrilled to be recognised at this year's Building Awards, in the 'Sustainability Project of the Year' category.

The Building Awards are the industry's longest running awards and celebrate the projects and achievements of companies working in UK construction.

The winning project, The GlaxoSmithKline Centre for Sustainable Chemistry, is located on the University of Nottingham's Innovation Park and houses the university's Chemistry Centre. The £16 million project was designed by architects The Fairhursts Design Group, and provides 4.500sqm of laboratory, teaching and outreach space to focus on world-leading research activity in sustainable chemistry.

The landmark development is the first carbon-neutral building of its kind in the UK. It is set to achieve a BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method) of 'Outstanding' and LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) 'Platinum' rating.

The laboratory space is built from natural materials, and renewable energy such as solar power and sustainable biomass will power the building itself. Any excess energy created by the building will provide enough carbon credits over 25 years to pay back the carbon used during construction.

In addition to the award win, Morgan Sindall was also pleased to have had two further projects shortlisted; Trumpington Community College in Cambridge was also shortlisted in the sustainability category for being one of the most sustainable secondary school campuses in the region. Meanwhile, the University of Huddersfield Oastler Building, which used locally sourced Yorkstone and steel as part of its construction, was shortlisted in the Project of the Year category.

You can find out more about the Centre for Sustainable Chemistry in our project case study and video.

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