

# News

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## **Morgan Sindall revamps accommodation for homeless in Exeter**

Morgan Sindall is making good progress on a project to refurbish Gabriel House, which provides supported accommodation for people who are homeless in Exeter.

The refurbishment of the shelter on Smythen Street, is being delivered for Bournemouth Churches Housing Association (BCHA) and includes the delivery of two additional bedrooms, two bedsits, meeting rooms, a medical room and a new kitchen and café area for residents. The Morgan Sindall project team will also deliver a new entrance canopy and make improvements to the heating, lighting and security of the building.

Gabriel House has been in operation for 17 years. It currently houses 40 people and last year it provided accommodation for over 150 people in need. The upper floors of the building currently house three separate bedrooms, each with an ensuite while downstairs houses eight bunks, a communal kitchen and an emergency sleeping provision.

The refurbishment project is due to complete this winter and is being funded by the Homelessness Change Platform for Life Programme, which has invested £1 million into the scheme.

Colin Salisman, head of development and property services at BCHA, said: "It's great to see work getting underway on the expansion of Gabriel House. The building has always been a welcoming and calm environment for those who need shelter and we're looking forward to extending that offering to more people in need across Exeter.

"Exeter has a real issue with rough sleeping and we're striving to be part of a solution. This expansion will allow us to provide even more places for those in need and we're so grateful to Morgan Sindall for helping our vision to come to life."

Nigel Whelan, area manager at Morgan Sindall, said: "We're so pleased to be delivering this project, which we hope will make a huge difference to the lives of homeless people in Exeter.

"Gabriel House is a fantastic place that gives hope to those who have fallen on hard times. We're looking forward to providing a comfortable and safe home for these people and look forward to handing over the larger and newly refurbished building in winter 2017."

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