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Morgan Sindall starts work on £10 million Birmingham Airport Tower

Morgan Sindall has started work on a new £10 million Air Traffic Control Tower at Birmingham Airport.

Scheduled for completion in 2013, the tower will stand at 33 metres above ground level and will be home to the airport's air traffic control provider NATS. It will take over from the current control tower at the old Elmdon Airport site, which has been in use since 1939.

The scheme follows the completion of Birmingham Airport's £13 million One Terminal project in February 2011. The project, also carried out by Morgan Sindall, saw the airport's two terminals merged into one operation, featuring a large centralised passenger security search area, an enlarged meeting and greeting arrivals point and improved shops and restaurants.

Dave Smith, regional managing director at Morgan Sindall, says: "The Air Traffic Control Tower is the fifth major project Morgan Sindall has undertaken for Birmingham Airport - a testament to the expertise we've developed in the aviation sector and our ability to consistently deliver on time and to budget.

"We are working closely with project designers CPMG Architects and Morgan Sindall Professional Services, providing a multi-disciplined approach to this high-tech project. We're delighted to be on board."

Paul Kehoe, CEO of Birmingham Airport, comments: "This iconic tower will be furnished with state-of-the-art radar and navigation equipment and will give the controllers a better view of the airfield, above buildings that have been developed over the last few years. It will also allow them to see the end of the extended runway, a development that will be complete in 2014 and will allow airlines to fly to more long-haul destinations worldwide."

Construction work at the tower will be completed by March 2012, and will be followed by an extensive fit out of avionics equipment.

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