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Secretary of state tours Morgan Sindall's Beacon Park site in Great Yarmouth

Morgan Sindall, the construction and infrastructure company, has welcomed the Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, to the site of the £7.7 million Artemis House development, which it is constructing for Great Yarmouth Borough Council.

The building is based at the flagship Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft (New Anglia) Enterprise Zone at Beacon Park, a premier business location and established hub for the energy sector on the east coast of East Anglia. When complete, it will serve as the landmark headquarters for energy provider, Proserv.

Mr Javid was given a tour of Beacon Park, during which he visited energy sector manufacturing firm Specialised Manufacturing Services and was shown around Artemis House - Proserv's new home.

The new building will enable Proserv to centralise its base and bring its 190 staff from three disparate sites, together under one roof. Artemis House has been jointly funded by Great Yarmouth Borough Council and New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Growing Places Fund. At 65,000 sq ft it will become the largest commercial property in Great Yarmouth.

Mr Javid toured the site as part of a visit to Great Yarmouth by a delegation including Steve Baker MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Department for Exiting the European Union, to learn more about the local impact of, and opportunities presented by, the UK's planned exit from the European Union.

Following the site visit, the delegation joined a roundtable discussion at the Great Yarmouth campus of East Coast College chaired by Great Yarmouth Borough Council, New Anglia LEP and Norfolk County Council. Participants included Morgan Sindall's managing director in the East, Saul Humphrey and other key representatives from education and business sectors including energy, ports and logistics, food and agriculture, tourism and the voluntary sector.

The roundtable was held to help inform the ministers' understanding of the implications of EU exit for the local economy, services and workforce. Topics discussed included the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, future frameworks for regulation and migration and the government's Industrial Strategy White Paper, launched earlier this week.

Saul Humphrey, Morgan Sindall's managing director in the East, said: "It was a pleasure to welcome Sajid Javid to our Artemis House site at Beacon Enterprise Park. This is an exciting and important development that has a key role to play in strengthening Great Yarmouth's standing as a global offshore energy hub.

"The work happening at Beacon Park is a great example of the region working collaboratively and strategically to ensure we have the necessary infrastructure in place to deepen our existing capability in key sectors and positively position our country ahead of the UK's departure from the EU.

"We enjoyed a thought-provoking discussion during the roundtable. The event provided a valuable opportunity for the ministers to outline key areas of focus as highlighted in the recently-announced Industrial Strategy White Paper, and we hope the contributions from regional business, local

government and key sector representatives provided the ministers with some useful insights.”