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## Work underway on £39 million nuclear training centre

Construction of a new £39m training facility for the Civil Nuclear Constabulary (CNC) has begun in West Cumbria.

The new accredited training facility will help deliver CNC's operational requirements to support the nuclear mission. The centre will consist of a four-storey hub with classrooms, operational stores and offices, alongside communal use areas. Two connected buildings will house live fire training arenas.

The facility will be owned, and developed by, the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) and leased to the CNC. Construction and Infrastructure company Morgan Sindall has been appointed to construct the facility with Deloitte Real Estate providing project management and cost consultancy support.

Key individuals from CNC, NDA, Morgan Sindall and Deloitte's, were joined by community representatives to break ground at the 14 acre site, which is close to Sellafield. Construction and fit out is due to be completed early December 2017, with the facility operational by January 2018.

Phil Bishop, Chief Inspector, CNC said: "I am pleased that work has begun at the new facility today which gets construction of the training centre underway. The construction of the new range is an exceptional example of working with our partners and engaging with the local community to ensure any adverse impact on residents will be minimised.

"The new training facilities represent an important and necessary step forward for the CNC, ensuring we continue to effectively deliver our mission of maintaining public safety and protecting civil nuclear sites. It will allow us to continue to meet the most stringent armed policing standards set by the College of Policing and UK Government regulatory standards for the protection of nuclear sites such as Sellafield."

Kenna Kintrea, NDA Assurance Director said: "Excellent partnership working and engagement by CNC & ourselves with the designers, architects, contractor and borough council, have meant we have secured a site, budget, design and planning permission to start work. This is a crucial facility for the constabulary in its support to the nuclear clean-up and decommissioning mission. Morgan Sindall embrace the Considerate Constructor scheme, and as with Albion Square in Whitehaven, that should bring a safe and responsible with positive local impacts."

"I look forward to seeing the finished facility; completed safely, on time and within budget, which will add to the network of importance local infrastructure that supports the nuclear industry"

Andy Hall, Managing Director of Construction North at Morgan Sindall said: "The security of the nation's critical infrastructure is clearly of national importance and interest. At the frontline of this protection are the staff of the CNC who need the very best facilities in which to train and maintain their preparedness. It is enormously gratifying to be entrusted to deliver such an important project for the nation and we are keen to translate this sense of responsibility into a fantastic end product."

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