

# News

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## **Morgan Sindall appointed to build £37.5 million education and leisure centre complex in Littleport**

Morgan Sindall has been appointed to construct a £37.5 million education and leisure centre complex in Littleport, Cambridgeshire.

The project for Cambridgeshire County Council is already underway and will include the construction of an early years school, a primary school, a three-storey secondary school, a special needs school, and a community leisure facility.

The four form entry secondary school, Littleport Academy, will initially cater for 600 pupils aged 11 to 16, with the potential to accommodate 750 pupils in the future.

The special educational needs (SEN) school on the same site will cater for 110 pupils between the ages of two and 19 and include a hydrotherapy pool for swimming therapy programmes. Both schools will open in time for the start of the academic year in 2017.

The project will be completed in three phases. Phase one is already underway and will include the demolition of the existing leisure centre on Camel Road, to make way for the new education and a replacement leisure complex. The two-storey sports centre will comprise a sports hall, a fitness suite, a multi-use hall, changing facilities, and a social bar area, and will be available for use by the whole community.

Phase one will also include the construction of the early years school which will cater for 18 young children.

Morgan Sindall will also deliver external landscaping including improvements to existing playing fields and new hard and soft play areas.

The site will also see the addition of a second and third project phase which will include the construction of the new, one form entry primary school which is expected to be completed by 2020, and an extension to Littleport Academy.

Bob Enschede, area director at Morgan Sindall, said: "Cambridgeshire has experienced significant economic growth in recent years resulting in high demand for educational facilities. It's therefore important that substantial, community-focused projects like this one are being delivered at this time.

"Designing and constructing quality buildings which provide a positive learning environment and enhance children and young people's educational experience requires detailed and thoughtful planning. We're looking forward to utilising our vast experience of working on world-class schools to deliver this great facility.

"Once complete, the Littleport complex will not only be a comprehensive educational centre for children of all ages and abilities, but an inclusive community hub with great leisure facilities."

Morgan Sindall is targeting a BREEAM rating of 'Very Good' for this development which includes structural insulated panels for thermal efficiency.

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