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Morgan Sindall tops out Grade II listed building in Norwich's historic heart

Morgan Sindall plc has held a topping out ceremony to celebrate a key milestone in the construction of a £2.9 million project to develop new office space and refurbish a 17th century building in the heart of Norwich's historic Cathedral Close district.

The new three-storey office building is being constructed for Bussey & Sabberton Bros Ltd and sits alongside the Grade II listed St Martin's building on Bedding Lane. The building was formerly used as a workshop, and is being refurbished to create state-of-the-art office space for law firm Howes Percival.

Representatives from Bussey & Sabberton Bros Ltd, Howes Percival and the Morgan Sindall project team were joined by the Very Reverend Jane Hedges, Dean of Norwich Cathedral, at the special occasion to celebrate the building work reaching roof level.

The new building will include open plan, multi-purpose office units, and conference space and meeting rooms. It will be constructed with piled foundations, a structural steel frame, precast concrete upper floors and stairs, and will feature timber cladding with aluminum curtain walling.

Tessa Haskey, Howes Percival's Chairman said; "As this latest milestone shows, the new offices are really taking shape. Moving in to a new, modern, purpose-built complex, right in the historic heart of the city, will completely transform our working environment and we are very much looking forward to moving offices next year.

"Today's ceremony was a proud moment for us and all the team associated with the development, who have worked extremely hard to get to this point. Creating a contemporary new office space whilst preserving the character and architectural heritage of the Grade II listed building has been a tough challenge, but it looks fantastic."

Gavin Napper, area director at Morgan Sindall, said: "We are delighted to be celebrating this construction milestone on this challenging and ambitious project. Once completed, the scheme will enable the seamless integration of the old and the new, creating a contemporary, innovative space and ensuring that an important part of our city's rich architectural heritage is preserved.

"Meticulous planning and continuous liaison with English Heritage has been undertaken throughout the entire design process and we look forward to delivering a great result for our clients and the wider community."

Morgan Sindall has also recently completed an £11 million project to construct a nine-storey hall of residence building in the heart of Norwich city centre for Alumno Developments. The building will be used by students from Norwich University of the Arts, and provides accommodation for 228 students.

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