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Morgan Sindall wins £2 million contract to refurbish Norwich City Hall

Morgan Sindall is set to transform Norwich's Grade II listed City Hall as part of an extensive refurbishment to improve efficiency.

The construction and infrastructure company won the £2 million contract to carry out repairs, window replacement and internal refurbishment of the City Hall in a project to modernise the building's interior with architects from NPS Property Consultants Ltd.

The project will involve the creation of a contemporary open-plan office space for council workers, with improved quality of light and more efficient use of the available space. Some windows will be replaced during the development, which is expected to complete in April 2013.

The building is one of finest municipal buildings of the inter-war period in England and is one of the Norwich 12, a collection of 12 heritage buildings in Norwich deemed of particular historical and cultural importance. The listed building was completed in 1938 and was built to the highest standards of the time.

Alan Waters, Norwich City Council's deputy leader, said: "The refurbishment of City Hall is a 'spend to save' project. We are spending money on repairing and refurbishing the building so we can create more space and bring the majority of our employees into the building. This will save money on offices we currently use around the city.

"As the council's headquarters, City Hall's office space needs to meet the challenges of the 21st century and not just those of the decade in which it was built - the 1930s.

"We're pleased with the progress Morgan Sindall is making in helping to retain the proud prominence and dignity of one of the city's historic landmarks, while at the same time transforming some of the internal space so it is fit for purpose."

The Morgan Sindall team will be working in a live environment and construction work will take place out-of-hours, in order to avoid disturbing people working at the City Hall.

The development will see around 20 people from the local area working on site at the peak of construction.

Gavin Napper, area director for Morgan Sindall, said: "We are delighted to have been appointed to this project, which will see the Morgan Sindall team transform this remarkable building and deliver a comfortable, contemporary office environment, without losing any of the building's original features.

"Norwich City Hall is an important part of Norwich's architectural heritage and we are looking forward to bringing our experience in updating listed period buildings to this project."

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