

# News

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## **Morgan Sindall wins £7.5 million upgrade contract from the Royal Veterinary College**

The UK's oldest veterinary school, the Royal Veterinary College (RVC), has awarded Morgan Sindall a £7.5 million contract to assist with the delivery of a multimillion pound refurbishment programme at its London campus.

The RVC's Hobday Building, in Camden, is being given a major upgrade to modernise the college's teaching and communal facilities, which date back to the 1930s. Morgan Sindall is one of several organisations contracted to work on the project, which is well underway.

The refurbishment programme comprises new office and teaching space, research laboratories, and dining and communal spaces for staff and students.

The six-storey Hobday Building, on Royal College Street, is being developed in phases and will remain fully operational for students and staff during the refurbishment.

Refurbishment work is expected to complete in late 2018.

The prestigious Royal Veterinary College was established in 1791 and later received a formal Royal Charter from Queen Victoria in 1875. Since 1949 it has been part of the University of London.

Its formation was the driving force behind the establishment of the UK's veterinary profession and it has been at the forefront of teaching, research and practice in veterinary and biological sciences ever since.

Richard Dobson, area director at Morgan Sindall's London office, said: "We are very proud to have been appointed by the Royal Veterinary College to deliver a significant upgrade to one of its most prestigious buildings.

"The college is world-renowned for its research and expertise and this refurbishment will ensure that staff and students can work in modern, spacious facilities that are perfectly suited to the needs of modern science.

"Work is already underway and progressing well at the Hobday Building, which we will be delivering in phases to ensure minimal disruption to teaching. We're looking forward to working with the college over the coming months to deliver this exciting project and handing over the fantastic new facilities later this year."

Richard Scott, Director of Estates Development at the Royal Veterinary College, said:

"We awarded the contract to Morgan Sindall as we were impressed by their track record in construction and infrastructure. The project is underway and going well, and we look forward to staff and students benefiting from the results of this significant refurbishment."

Morgan Sindall is on site at major schemes across the capital. The company has recently delivered a £70 million scheme to transform Lambeth Town Hall and its civic buildings. The multifaceted Your New Town Hall scheme was delivered for urban regeneration specialist and national developer, Muse Developments, and project partner Lambeth Council. The project involved the comprehensive refurbishment of the Grade II listed Town Hall in Brixton and the construction of a

new six-storey energy efficient civic building with a customer centre and council offices.

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