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Bournemouth

£24m Bournemouth Student Accommodation
Morgan Sindall Construction has been chosen to build a £24m student accommodation development for Arts University Bournemouth. Elsewhere in the region Morgan Sindall Construction is on site at in Southampton building £28m sports centre for Solent University. The 300-bed student accommodation project marks the continuation of a nine-year partnership between the contractor and AUB and was secured via the Southern Construction Framework.



The Fern Barrow accommodation site in Poole will feature eight-bed clusters with communal kitchen and dining areas in three and four storey buildings, which will centre around a landscaped courtyard. The scheme is due to complete in summer 2020 and is due to achieve a BREEAM very good rating. Hampshire-based Carlton Civil Engineering has secured the groundworks and drainage package for the scheme, which was designed by Winchester-based Design Engine Architects. Most of the student homes will have en suite facilities and the development will emphasise sustainability, with upgraded pedestrian and cycle routes to connect the site with the nearby bus hub and other areas. Jon Daines, area director for Morgan Sindall Construction, said: “The new development will provide students with high-quality accommodation, ideally located at the heart of

AUB’s main campus. “Our team is well versed and experienced in delivering outstanding education projects and working safely and effectively on live sites.” Elsewhere in the region Morgan Sindall Construction is on site at in Southampton building £28m sports centre for Solent University.

Brick factory

Desford brick factory to be biggest in Europe

Brick producer Forterra has secured planning consent for a £95m project to double production capacity at its Desford plant in Leicestershire. Forterra, previously Hanson Brick, said that the new facility would make Desford “the largest and most efficient brick factory in Europe”. A new plant at Desford will be built alongside the current factory, which will maintain production until the changeover in 2022. Production capacity will increase from its current 85 million bricks per year to 180 million – which is enough to build 24,000 average-sized family homes. Company-wide brick production capacity will be increased by 16%. Chief executive Stephen Harrison said: “As one of Britain’s biggest manufacturers of building products, we endeavour to set the benchmark in terms of manufacturing efficiency, output and sustainability. “In keeping with our strategic focus on manufacturing excellence,



our new facility's modern manufacturing methods will allow us to respond to our customers' increasing demand for products as the rate of housebuilding continues to accelerate nationwide. We have every confidence that this project marks a sound, long-term investment in the future of both Forterra and UK housebuilding."

builders know how close they are to the tools and materials that they need to purchase. Buildiro provides a live database of builders' merchant inventory, although initially only in London Buildiro provides a smart directory of local builders' merchants and what they have in stock; type in 'plasterboard' and the app will direct you to the nearest source.

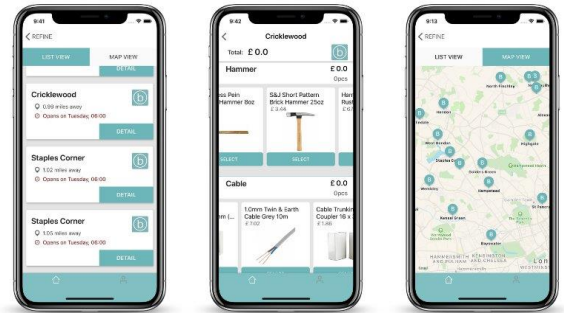
Wiltshire

Science Museum picks Kier for National Collections Centre the Science Museum has appointed Kier to build it a huge storage facility in Wiltshire. Kier has begun work on the new 280,000 sq ft National Collections Centre at the museum's Wroughton site, near Swindon.



The contract value has yet to be disclosed. The new facility will transform how the Science Museum Group (SMG) manages and shares its collection of artefacts. Designed with public access in mind, the facility will open for public tours, school and research visits from 2023. More than 300,000 items from the Science Museum Group collection will be stored, researched and prepared in the new facilities before they go on display across the group's family of museums: the Science Museum in London; the National Railway Museum in York; the Museum of Science & Industry in Manchester; the National Science & Media Museum in Bradford; and Locomotion in Shildon. Objects from the collection are also regularly loaned to other museums in the UK and around the world.

Handy Builders Merchant App
A mobile app is now on the market to let



The app was conceived by Luke Polach two years ago when he managed a small construction firm in north London. On one job, he needed materials and used his phone to search for a local merchant. Google Maps told him the closest store was six miles away. But while stuck in traffic, he spotted a smaller merchant just a mile from the job site. Not only did this local supplier have everything Mr Polach needed, the products were actually cheaper than the larger retailer. The idea for Buildiro was born. Buildiro is now available in Google Play and Apple App store. The first phase covers Greater London only, where Buildiro is working with merchants to help them connect inventories to the app's database. The aim is to roll it out to other cities later in the year.

AGM and Dinner Dance is on the 6th July 2019, at the Wiltshire Hotel, Vastern, Royal Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire. SN4 7PB.
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