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21ST CENTURY JUSTICE CENTRE - GETS THE GO AHEAD

The contract has been awarded to build the innovative new justice centre in Leamington Spa.

This unique centre will be built on the existing site of the old Magistrates' Courts and Jephson House in Newbold Terrace. The new building will then link together with the existing police premises in Hamilton Terrace, providing over 16,500 square metres of space.

The contract costing £26.3M for the development has been awarded to Galliford Try Construction Limited, based in Wolvey, Leicestershire. Funding has been provided by central government and national justice agencies.

The centre builds on the benefits and lessons learned at the justice centre in Nuneaton. The service provision has been extended and will include

- 24/7 Policing
- Judicial Services
- Crown Prosecution Service
- Crown, Magistrates, Family, Youth and County Courts
- Probation Service
- Youth Offending Service
- Victim and Witness Support Services

Demolition work will commence in early May 2008 with construction work beginning in July 2008, and it is expected the centre will be completed in July 2010. Further improvement works will then take place to connect the buildings to enable all the agencies to function in new and improved ways, which will benefit the whole community.

John Burbeck, Senior Responsible Officer for the centre said "The centre will be the first in the country where all of the justice agencies including Crown Courts will be co-located, improving public access to services, support for victims and a unique environment where agencies will work together to reduce crime and deliver justice for the people of Warwickshire.

Andy Pearson, Galliford Try's Project Director said "We are really pleased to be involved and be awarded this prestigious contract. It is a fabulous looking building and really will provide a modern 21st century justice facility. We are looking forward to continuing the good work undertaken to date and getting works underway on site."

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Notes for Editors

For a 3D impression of the Justice Centre, see below:



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