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The scheme which is starting site this month, will improve the entrance and facilities at the historic priory site.

The practice originally won the job back in 2010, seeing off competition from a shortlist which included Niall McLaughlin, Sarah Wigglesworth, Wilkinson King and Cowper Griffith.

Since the competition the scheme has evolved and now includes the conversion of a grade II-listed coach house on the site into a restaurant.

Three new buildings contain a new entrance to the site with a reception, a shop, café and visitor toilets.

These new timber-framed buildings have been lifted off the ground to avoid flooding, and each building has its own specific form and character reflecting the agricultural buildings on the estate.

The shop is clad in cor-ten steel, the café and toilets in timber and zinc and the main entrance building is glazed with deep timber fins.

The scheme is expected to complete in September 2015.

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