

Expanding Yorkshire FM specialists to maintain 1,500 commercial and public buildings across region after ‘bullseye’ acquisition boosts portfolio

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A NORTH Yorkshire company which has doubled its turnover in the past two years is injecting further pace and scale into its expansion journey after clinching a “bullseye” acquisition.

[Robinsons Facilities Services](#), which maintains and repairs more than 1,100 commercial and public sector buildings spanning the entire Yorkshire and Humber region, has acquired the assets and client portfolio of Bensons Gas Engineering.

The deal sees Robinsons, headquartered in Bishop Thornton near Harrogate, inherit a further 400 client sites from its Yorkshire sector stablemate, which provides commercial gas services to a range of settings, including schools, healthcare facilities and council buildings.

Robinsons Managing Director, Luke Kitchen, said: “The launchpad for our growth has been our ability to make life easier for Yorkshire’s commercial property owners and managers.

“This is down to our rare position of offering a single point of access to an expert team that can deliver all their maintenance, repair and compliance needs – keeping their people safe and their buildings running efficiently.

“It’s a value proposition that is seeing property owners and managers turn to us in ever-increasing numbers, as it saves them from the time, hassle and expense of navigating a maze of multiple different

service providers.”

He added: “We share a similar client base to Bensons Gas Engineering so this acquisition – our biggest to date – really is a bullseye for Robinsons.

“It is a perfect fit and gives us a strong platform to introduce our broader range of services – including air conditioning, fire and security, water hygiene, electrical and other maintenance, repair and compliance services – to our new customer community.

“As fellow Yorkshire-based businesses with shared values and a proud heritage in commercial gas services, we’re proud to carry Bensons’ trusted reputation forward.”

The deal propels the total number of sites in Robinsons’ growing portfolio past the 1,500 mark.

These now include no fewer than 30 school academy trusts, many of the North’s leading commercial property managers and biggest landowners, and a broad range of commercial and industrial buildings in other sectors including banking, leisure, hospitality, retail and healthcare.

Bensons Gas Engineering was founded by Donald Benson from a kitchen in Harrogate in 1961 before expanding to its current headquarters in Normanton, near Wakefield. The family firm will now focus on developing its successful core business, Bensons Control Panels.

Managing Director, Helen Culloden, said: “I would like to thank all our commercial gas clients for their loyalty and trust over more than 60 years.

“I have every confidence that Robinsons will maintain the high standard of service that they have come to rely on and expect from Bensons.

“We will be supporting Robinsons in the background to ensure a smooth and seamless transition.”