

# CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

RESIDENTS' NEWSLETTER ISSUE TEN NOV 2020 - JAN 2021

Dear Neighbours

Welcome to the tenth newsletter detailing the construction progress of the Preston Barracks site and University of Brighton's Moulsecoomb campus (made up of the Watts car park and Mithras car park sites). These quarterly updates will keep you informed on our progress as well as letting you know how to get in touch with us. We also have dedicated websites where you can find out the most recent news on our noticeboard, and an overview of the entire development.

## PRESTON BARRACKS [PRESTONBARRACKSCONSTRUCTION.COM](http://PRESTONBARRACKSCONSTRUCTION.COM)

This development will deliver new homes, including affordable housing, and student accommodation in managed halls of residence, meeting a widely recognised shortfall in the city.

This scheme will see the construction of:

- The Plus X Innovation Hub, now open
- Student accommodation (555 rooms)
- Residential buildings (369 homes)
- A new street with retail & workshop units
- Public areas and green spaces
- A 1km running and fitness route
- Improved access through the site and to Moulsecoomb Station

## PRESTON BARRACKS - LATEST NEWS

The Plus X Innovation Hub is now open and fully operational. Tours of the building can be booked directly with the Plus X team:  
[www.plusx.space/locations/brighton/](http://www.plusx.space/locations/brighton/)

The student accommodation on Preston Barracks is partially complete and the first tranche of students have moved in. The remaining elements will be completed in the next period. Now that the buildings are complete, the landscaping works around the buildings will be completed. Further trees along the Lewes Road will be installed over the coming months.

The residential buildings have progressed well, and the concrete frame works will continue during the next period. Scaffold has been erected to some of the buildings to enable the cladding works to commence. The construction of these buildings is still on programme to complete in 2022.

Works to the final residential building on the Lewes Road will commence during the autumn and complete at the same time as the rest of the development.

## THE BIG BUILD [BRIGHTON.AC.UK/THEBIGBUILD](http://BRIGHTON.AC.UK/THEBIGBUILD)

The Big Build is the name we have given to a major project to upgrade facilities at our Moulsecoomb campus. The development will help to reduce pressure on local housing and contribute to improved amenities in the area.

This project will see the construction of:

- New halls of residence for 800 students
- New Students' Union and fitness facilities
- A new academic building
- A new bike and car parking facility
- New green social spaces
- A new pedestrian bridge linking both sides of the campus across Lewes Road

## THE BIG BUILD - LATEST NEWS

Work is progressing well on the University's new student halls and Students' Union and fitness facilities. The main structures of all five towers are now nearing completion and the installation of scaffolding is now 90% complete.

The brick facade on towers 1 and 3 is now underway, all below ground services have been installed and the main staircase linking towers 2 and 3 is now in place.

The podium level which will link the towers at the Mithras House level is also now completed.

The main body of our new academic building on the west side of the Lewes Road is now complete. Rendering of the building is 75% finished and the steel frame which will support the roof canopy is now in place.

Cranes serving the academic building and towers 1 and 3 of our new student halls are expected to be removed in October.

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Please be assured that robust COVID-19 health and safety measures remain in place on all sites, and our contractors are all closely monitoring the situation, and continue to adhere to the latest government and industry guidance.

## RESIDENTS' MEETINGS POSTPONED

Due to current government guidelines, meetings will be postponed until further notice. We will update our website to keep you posted: [www.prestonbarracksconstruction.com/noticeboard](http://www.prestonbarracksconstruction.com/noticeboard)

## ROADWORK UPDATE

Works to install the traffic lights at the southern end of the development have now been completed and the resurfacing works have been pencilled in for the end of November. These works will take place over a series of nights, the exact dates are to be agreed with Brighton & Hove City Council.

The final element of highway works to be undertaken is the reconfiguration of the section of Saunders Park View that shares a boundary with Preston Barracks. It is anticipated that we will be in a position to undertake these works in early 2021.

We continue to liaise with Brighton & Hove City Council, the bus company, and other local stakeholders regarding the phasing of the works and the impact on road users.

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### PARKING

We continue to remind our contractors regularly of their obligation to park responsibly. We will continue to offer on-campus parking to our contractors outside of term times and, if available, during term.

### RETURN TO CAMPUS

Following careful planning, a limited reopening of all of our University campuses, including Moulsecoomb has now taken place. Most teaching is taking place remotely and staff and student numbers on site at any one time have been significantly reduced.

We continue to follow public health guidance and measures are in place across our estate to ensure social distancing.

## THANK YOU FOR VOTING!

Earlier this year we asked local residents to choose designs to celebrate the iconic South Downs National Park, which will be made into stone pavers and installed in the new street, The Furlong, at Preston Barracks.

You can see all 7 winning designs in our Gallery at [www.prestonbarracksconstruction.com/gallery](http://www.prestonbarracksconstruction.com/gallery)

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