

# CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

**RESIDENTS' NEWSLETTER ISSUE ELEVEN FEBRUARY - APRIL 2021**

Dear Neighbours

Welcome to the latest newsletter detailing the construction progress at the **Preston Barracks** site and **The Big Build** - the University of Brighton's Moulsecoomb campus (made up of the Watts car park and Mithras car park sites). These 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**

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 now complete and students have moved in. Now that the buildings have been completed the landscaping works around the buildings will be completed, and during the last period a further seven trees have been planted along Lewes Road.

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 Lewes Road will commence in the next few weeks, completing at the same time as the rest of the development.

## **THE BIG BUILD** **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 scheme 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 on our new student accommodation and Students' Union and fitness facilities continues to make excellent progress. The structures of all five residential towers on the Mithras site are now essentially complete.

External brickwork and tiling to the facades are being advanced and the feature steps that will provide an entrance and access through to Mithras House between towers 2 and 3, from the east side of the Lewes Road, are now finished.

Two tower cranes have been removed from the site and the remaining two are expected to be removed shortly.

The University's new academic building on the west side of the Lewes Road is now largely weathertight, with internal works progressing well.

## ROADWORK UPDATE

Works to install the traffic lights at the southern end of the development have now been completed, and resurfacing works pencilled in for March 2021. These works will take place over a series of nights; exact dates 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. We have put in an application to Brighton & Hove City Council to commence these works on 8th February 2021; works will take between 9-12 weeks to complete.

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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Landscaping work on the northern and eastern edges of the site has now started, while the fitting of a bespoke, external, tiled facade is underway on two sides of the academic building.

Tenders for the new, accessible pedestrian bridge have been received and a lead contractor is expected to be appointed this month.

Tenders for the boardwalk which will run along the Watts bank, linking Moulsecoomb station to the heart of the campus, have now been received and a lead contractor for this work is expected to be appointed shortly.

*The Furlong, the new street through Preston Barracks*

## NEW HEALTHCARE CENTRE

We are pleased to announce that a new healthcare facility for the local area is now under construction and is expected to open in 2023.

The Preston Barracks surgery will be a 1,000 sqm purpose-built medical centre, serving up to 13,000 local patients, with 13 consulting rooms and a 60 sqm pharmacy.

The surgery is a flagship primary care scheme for the local health system resulting from a collaboration between the new building owner and managing agent Assura, the occupying NHS GP practices, NHSE, and the local authority.



## 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

Due to current government guidelines, our quarterly drop-in meetings for local residents have been postponed until further notice. We will update our website to keep you posted: [www.prestonbarracksconstruction.com/noticeboard](http://www.prestonbarracksconstruction.com/noticeboard)

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If you have any concerns or enquiries, please contact us via our website/email:

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