

# CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

RESIDENTS' NEWSLETTER ISSUE TWELVE MAY 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 eighteen trees have been planted along the Furlong.

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 first residential buildings are due to complete Summer 2021.

Works to the final block on Lewes Road commenced in January and the piling works are now complete.

## 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

The Big Build continues to move forward well with steady progress being made across both our Watts and Mithras sites.

Work to complete our new academic building is on track and the building is expected to be completed in time for the University's Autumn Term in September. The tiled facade on the north and east sides of the building is now completed and 85% of the interior works are now finished. Landscaping works outside the building including the construction of a new pedestrianised square, planting, and new staircase to the bus stop on Lewes Road are ongoing.

Work on our new student halls is still expected to be completed in September 2021. Interior works for both the Students' Union and fitness facilities, which will sit in plinths beneath the student residences, are expected to commence immediately afterwards.

A lead contractor has now been appointed to construct the accessible pedestrian bridge which will span the Lewes Road, linking both sides of the campus. Works are expected to commence in late spring 2021 with completion expected in the first quarter of 2022.

## 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 pushed back until the summer. These works will take place over a series of days, the exact dates are to be agreed with Brighton and 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. These works commenced in February and have suffered a slight delay due to unchartered services in the footpath. We now expect these works to complete in early May.

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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The University's new academic building taking shape



## A NEW HEALTHCARE CENTRE FOR PRESTON BARRACKS



Construction of a new healthcare facility for the local area is now underway, which 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)

## CONTACT US

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

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