

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

RESIDENTS' NEWSLETTER

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Dear Neighbours

Welcome to the latest newsletter detailing the construction progress at Preston Barracks and The Big Build - the University of Brighton's Moulsecomb 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

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

This scheme includes:

- The Plus X Innovation Hub, now open
- Student accommodation (555 rooms)
- Residential buildings (369 homes)
- A new 1,000 sqm medical centre and pharmacy
- A new street with retail & workshop units
- Public areas and green spaces
- Improved access through the site and local area

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

The student accommodation buildings and landscaping at Preston Barracks is now complete and students have moved in. Five additional BTN BikeShare stands are now operational, bringing the total to ten.

The residential buildings have progressed well, and the first two buildings will open to residents in the next couple of months. External façade and internal fitout works continue to the remainder of the buildings, which are on target to complete later this year. Works to the final residential building on Lewes Road began in January 2021; concrete frame works have commenced and the frame continues, with the façade due to commence shortly. It is anticipated that this building will be completed in early 2023.

THE BIG BUILD

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

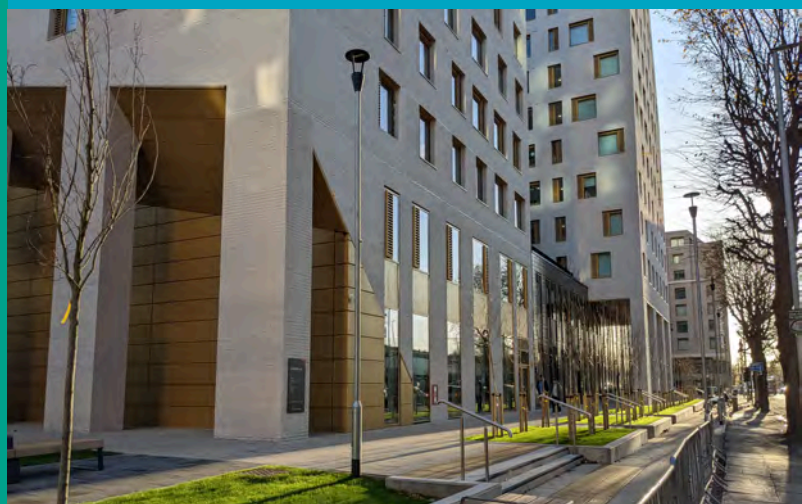
This scheme includes:

- 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 the University's new student gym and fitness space continues with the facility now expected to open in early summer.

Local residents who are interested in our Sport Brighton community membership scheme can keep up to date and sign up for more information at sport.brighton.ac.uk/newgym



LEWES ROAD BRIDGE - A NEW LANDMARK

In January 2022, a new accessible pedestrian bridge was successfully installed across the Lewes Road.

Work took place across two weekends to lift and secure the staircase and the main structure of the bridge into place.

Further landscaping, tarmacking of the bridge deck, pouring of concrete steps, drainage, cladding and structural work, and the installation of lighting, CCTV and a lift at the raised western end of the bridge will now take place.



The landmark bridge is expected to open to the public as well as University students and staff later this spring, providing a simple, fast and safe link between the two sides of the Lewes Road.

OPTIVO HOMES

Optivo, one of the largest housing providers in the UK, has taken over the southern construction site at Preston Barracks to build 369 new homes; a mix of affordable rent, shared ownership and open market homes, including studio, 1, 2 and 3-bed apartments and 3-bed Triplexes.

The open market sale homes are available with Help to Buy, and the shared ownership homes can only be bought by buyers who can prove it will be their sole property. Find out more at www.home-x.co.uk

New pedestrian access from Saunders Park View through the site will offer more convenient access to Lewes Road and Moulsecoomb Station, and to the street level facilities at Preston Barracks, such as shops and cafes. The first two buildings to be completed and occupied later this year will be the Triplexes on Saunders Park View.

ROADWORK UPDATE

Our roadworks contractor Edburton has been granted permission by Brighton & Hove City Council to undertake the works in the next quarter; these works will involve resurfacing part of Lewes Road, and final commissioning of the traffic lights. We anticipate these works being complete by the end of May 2022 at the latest.

The roadworks on Saunders Park View have been completed and the new parking bays are now open for local permit holders' use; some of these new bays will become dedicated bays for the local car club vehicles.

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 and local residents.

RESIDENTS' MEETING - NEW DATE

We welcome you to attend our regular residents' drop-in meetings, where representatives of U+I, the University of Brighton and our construction contractors will be present to answer your questions on all aspects of the development.

Next meeting:

Wednesday 6th April 2022, 6pm-7pm

Plus X, Lewes Road, Brighton BN2 4GL

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