

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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Dear Neighbours

Welcome to the sixth 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.

LATEST NEWS FROM PRESTON BARRACKS

Graham continue construction of the new commercial building, with external cladding and internal fit out. The tower crane has been removed, and hoist and mast climbers will be removed once the cladding is complete. In the next period, the fit out will continue with the building and surrounding landscape due to complete at the end of 2019, with the building operational from January 2020.



Henry Construction continue to progress the three student accommodation buildings, with the concrete frame almost complete and the scaffold now erected to allow the cladding and fit out works to commence. The scaffolding will stay in place into the new year, with the buildings due to complete in summer 2020.

Henry Construction have also been appointed by Optivo to construct the residential element of Preston Barracks. In August they commenced the piling for the new residential buildings within the main site, and these works will continue into the autumn. Following the completion of these works the remainder of the foundation will be formed and the podium slab will be constructed. The construction of the residential buildings will continue until 2022.

THE BIG BUILD

The Big Build is the name we have given to a major project to upgrade facilities at our Moulsecoomb campus.

Over the next two years this 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
- A new pedestrian bridge linking both sides of the campus across the Lewes Road
- New green social spaces

The development will help to reduce pressure on local housing and contribute to improved amenities in the area.

LATEST NEWS FROM THE BIG BUILD

The new university parking facility opened for staff and student use in early September, helping to relieve pressure on local roads. The facility offers spaces for over 500 motorists, charging points for electric vehicles and facilities for 300 cyclists.



Work to install protective hoardings on the Watts car park site took place in September ahead of a planned start of construction on the university's new academic building. Construction is expected to start in earnest during October, when ground and piling works are scheduled to commence. Details of the lead contractor on this site will be announced shortly.

Good progress is being made on the student halls, Student Union and fitness facilities being built on the site of the old Mithras House car park. All 'below ground' work is now complete and the lower levels of some of these buildings became visible above the hoarding line during August, as scheduled. Four tower cranes are now in place and operational on the site, and a suite of site offices has been installed to accommodate the contractor's construction team.



To read more about the Big Build please visit our website www.brighton.ac.uk/thebigbuild

ROADWORK UPDATE

Both the pedestrian crossing and controlled traffic junction at Natal Road are now complete, and four-way traffic light control is in place at the Lewes Road junction with Natal Road and Saunders Park View, easing the flow of traffic.



Our focus has now switched to the southern end of the development with the formation of the new entrance to the Mithras site and the installation of the new signalised junction. It is anticipated that these works will continue into the autumn.

These works will also result in the highway by the new entrances being resurfaced, and as with the previous resurfacing works, these works will be undertaken out of hours in order to limit the amount of disruption to the area.



As we complete the road works to the Lewes Road, we are also completing all the utility works associated with Mithras, Watts and Preston Barracks development sites.

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.



New Academic Building viewed from Lewes Road



Preston Barracks site progress September 2019

RESIDENTS' MEETINGS

Our next quarterly residents' meeting will take place at the end of October. Representatives of U+I, the University of Brighton and our construction contractors will be present at the event. The teams look forward to answering your questions on all aspects of the development.

MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2019
6-7PM

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