

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

RESIDENTS' NEWSLETTER ISSUE EIGHT MAY 2020 - JULY 2020

Dear Neighbours

Welcome to the eighth 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.

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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. Our scheme also includes the Plus X Innovation Hub for start-ups and SME businesses, due to open this spring.

Over the next two years this will see the construction of:

- The Plus X Innovation Hub
- Student accommodation (534 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

Graham are now in the latter stages of construction for the Plus X Innovation Hub, and Henry Construction continue to progress the student accommodation, with the scaffold starting to come down in anticipation of the building completing this summer.

As the scaffold comes down the cladding works will be completed, and the external works will commence. The internal fit out works will continue until the completion of the building. The first students are expected to move in during September 2020.

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.

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.

THE BIG BUILD - LATEST NEWS

Following the recent construction of piling and foundations, the ground floor 'slab' for the University's new academic building has now been completed. The ground and first floor walls are now in place, with steel beams installed to support the first two of a planned six floors.

The University's new student halls and Students' Union and fitness facilities have progressed significantly since the release of our last newsletter. Tower one at the north of the Mithras site has now reached its full ten floor height. Tower two, the largest of the five towers has reached level nine of a planned 18 storeys.

Henry Construction have also been appointed by Optivo to construct the residential element of Preston Barracks. The concrete frame works to the Preston Barracks parcel have commenced, with the ground floor slab of the rear block due to be poured shortly. Construction on these buildings will continue until Summer 2022.

Further contractor welfare cabins have now been installed at the south of the Mithras site to accommodate site workers, and the University has made provision for contractor parking in the new parking facility, to help ease pressure on local roads.

ROADWORK UPDATE

Works to complete the traffic lights at the southern end of the project will be completed once the scaffolding on the Student Castle development is removed from site. It is anticipated that this will enable the final ducting works to commence in May 2020.



We anticipate that following these works the Lewes Road will be resurfaced in June or July 2020. Please note that these works will take place over the course of several nights.

As we complete the roadworks 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.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATES

Please be assured that U+I, the University and our contractors are all closely monitoring the situation and following appropriate government guidance.

RESIDENTS' MEETINGS POSTPONED

Due to current government guidelines on social distancing and limited travel, residents' meetings will be postponed until further notice.

We will update our website to keep you posted www.prestonbarracksconstruction.com/noticeboard

UNIVERSITY OF BRIGHTON CLOSURE

All university buildings are now closed (with the exception of residential halls) until further notice.

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Preston Barracks site progress April 2020

Plus X Innovation Hub, Lewes Road

