

# CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

RESIDENTS' NEWSLETTER ISSUE SEVEN FEBRUARY 2020 - APRIL 2020

Dear Neighbours

Welcome to the seventh newsletter detailing the construction progress of the Preston Barracks site and University of Brighton's Moulsecomb 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 with the construction of the new commercial building, called Plus X, with the erection of the cladding and progression of the internal fit out. In the next period the fit out will continue with the building and surrounding landscape due to complete in early 2020, and the building operational from February 2020.



Henry Construction continue to progress the student accommodation with the concrete frame complete and the scaffold now erected to allow the cladding and fit out works to commence, with the three buildings due to complete during the course of summer 2020.

Henry Construction have also been appointed by Optivo to construct the residential element of Preston Barracks. The piling for the new residential buildings within the main site has now been completed and works have now commenced on the ground floor slab and frame. 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 Moulsecomb 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

Construction has now started on the University's new academic building adjacent to the new parking facility. All piling work for the building has been completed and foundations are being poured.



Lead contractor Gilbert Ash has erected a tower crane, and work continues on the ground floor slab at the base of the building. Construction has also commenced on the building superstructure. Graphics including computer-generated images and key features of the finished building have also been fitted on the hoardings surrounding the site.

Work on the University's new student halls and Students' Union & fitness facilities on the site of the former Mithras House car park is now gathering pace. Construction of the five residential towers continues, alongside the installation of below-ground services. At the time of writing, tower one at the northern end of the site is approaching the installation of a fifth floor.



To read more about the Big Build please visit our website [www.brighton.ac.uk/thebigbuild](http://www.brighton.ac.uk/thebigbuild)

## ROADWORK UPDATE

Work to complete the southern road access to the Mithras site next to the Student Castle development (which is not connected to the University's Big Build) is continuing this month, with completion expected by February 2020.

Alongside this work, the new traffic signals at the bottom of Natal Road will shortly be linked to the traffic signals at the Coombe Road junction, to improve the flow of traffic along the Lewes Road.



Our focus has continued to be on 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 spring.

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 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.



Plus X building viewed from Lewes Road



Preston Barracks site progress December 2019

## RESIDENTS' MEETINGS

Our next quarterly residents' meeting will take place at the end of January. 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 27TH JANUARY 2020**  
**6-7PM**

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