

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

RESIDENTS' NEWSLETTER ISSUE NINE AUG 2020 - OCT 2020

Dear Neighbours

Welcome to the ninth 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.

This scheme will see the construction of:

- The Plus X Innovation Hub, now open
- 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 have now completed the construction of the Plus X Innovation Hub and the building is now open. Tours of the building can be booked directly with the Plus X team www.plusx.space/locations/brighton/

Construction of the student accommodation continues, and the scaffold has started to come down. The landscaping works around these buildings will commence shortly and be completed in time for the buildings to open in September 2020.

The residential buildings have progressed well, and the concrete frame works will continue during the summer. Scaffold has been erected to some of the buildings to enable the cladding works to commence. The construction of these buildings is still on programme to complete in 2022.

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 project 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 new academic building on the west side of Lewes Road has now reached its fifth of a planned six floors, and services are being installed.

The University's new student halls and Students' Union and fitness facilities are also moving forward. Both the reinforced concrete frame and steel framing system on Tower 1 at the north of the site are now complete. The central core of Tower 2 has reached its 18-storey peak, and the installation of reinforced concrete frames for Towers 3 to 5 continues.

A tender process for the new, accessible bridge which will span Lewes Road has now begun. Installation is expected to commence in the second quarter of 2021.

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 POSTPONED

Due to current government guidelines, meetings will be postponed until further notice. We will update our website to keep you posted www.prestonbarracksconstruction.com/noticeboard

ROADWORK UPDATE

Works to complete the traffic lights at the southern end of the project have commenced and the final ducting work is now complete. We anticipate that following these works Lewes Road will be resurfaced in early August 2020. Please note that these works will take place over the course of several nights.

As we complete the roadworks to Lewes Road, we are also completing all 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.

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CHANGES TO WORKING HOURS

To ensure the University's Big Build sites can continue to operate safely and in compliance with current government guidance and industry best practice, site working hours have now been extended. The extension will also allow the build to remain on schedule following recent delays relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Gilbert Ash, the University's lead contractor on the Watts site, are now working from 7am - 7pm, Monday to Saturday. Bouygues UK, the lead contractor on our Mithras site is now opening staff welfare facilities from 6.30am. Work is starting at 7.30am and continuing until the site gates are locked at 9pm.

All changes are in line with government and council guidance, and existing checks to avoid excessive noise and disruption will continue to take place.

PARKING

The University continues to offer our contractors parking in our new parking facility, to help ease pressure on local roads.



Plus X Brighton, Lewes Road

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RETURN TO CAMPUS

We are planning for the controlled opening of all our campuses, including Moulsecoomb, for the start of the new academic year in September. The University will be taking a number of steps to manage the numbers of students who need to be on campus at any one time, with some learning continuing to be delivered remotely.

All of our plans will follow public health guidance and will maintain social distancing.