



Univ North Development

Information Update from University College, Oxford
and Construction Partner, SDC



November 2023

Dear Residents,

I am pleased to share that we have now cast the ground floor concrete slabs for Water Court West and Water Court East, on the Banbury Road-side of the site. The external areas around these slabs are being prepared in readiness for the arrival of the prefabricated timber frame elements, which are due to be delivered in January 2024. Our main lifting equipment for the installation of the above ground structures for these buildings will be a crane.

In fact, as part of our community engagement work, we held a “Name the Crane” competition with University College, Oxford. We invited local children at Kids Planet Day Nurseries (who will manage the new nursery at Univ North) to offer a name for the crane and colour a picture.

We had some fabulous entries from the children and we plan to add the winning name and all the artwork around the crane once it is in place. The crane will be on site towards the end of the year.

Progress Photos



Important Notice

SSE (Scottish and Southern Electricity Network) have some scheduled upgrade works planned along Banbury Road. This is due to commence in January 2024 and will involve some traffic management along the roadway to facilitate the new electrical cables to be installed in the ground. We have commenced the installation of the new surface water connection to the existing sewer network which is due to be complete within the next couple of weeks. Both of these elements of work will be undertaken under a permit from Oxfordshire County Council.

As part of this, we have some work to undertake over the next few weeks along the shared access road which previously serviced the existing Fairfield Residential Home. This will involve some vacuum excavation of the surface for the new services. During this time, there will be periods of some noisier works from the site machinery, however this is the safest way for us to excavate around the existing electric and gas services. We very much appreciate your patience in advance of this.

Should you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact David or I on the contact details below. We hope these newsletters are useful and look forward to issuing continued updates in the coming months.

We once again thank you for your cooperation during our construction.

With kind regards,



Farid Zadeh

SDC Project Manager

An Early Timeline of Events



Nov - Dec 23:

- New substation within the site area
- Timber frame to new nursery
- Preparation for Water Court West and East timber frames
- Crane erection
- Works to existing Fairfield House
- Works to Fairfield Residential Home shared access road



Jan 24:

- Above ground timber frames for buildings on Banbury Road side of the site
- SSE works along Banbury Road to upgrade electric supply for new development

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