



Univ North Development

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



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Dear Residents,

We hope that you all had a good festive break and are keeping warm in the cold snap.

You may have seen that we have now erected our crane named 'Sparkle' in our recent 'Name the Crane' competition. This crane will be used to erect the frame structure for Water Court West and Water Court East. The materials for this frame structure are due to be delivered from week commencing 29th January 2024. During this time, the first of the buildings (Water Court West) will start to become visible. The delivery vehicles will continue to use the entrance from Banbury Road which is managed by our traffic marshals to ensure safety for the public. We will also be commencing the brickwork to the structure of the building and then window installation will follow around March 2024.

SSEN (Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks) are continuing their installation of main cabling routes along Banbury Road which is due to be completed within the next 2 weeks (subject to

finding any unknowns). The new surface water connection within Banbury Road has also been completed. We are undertaking works to the shared Banbury Drive which previously serviced Fairfield Residential Home and a temporary entrance has been set up to continue access for residents, visitors, and staff. Due to the number of existing underground services (water, gas, electric, foul and surface water) within the shared road, we are required to use a vacuum excavator to undertake the new excavation for supplementary service installation. Within this period of excavation, there will be periods of noisier works from the site machinery, however this is the safest method of excavating around existing services. We envisage that these works on the shared road will continue over the next month, however the noise will be intermittent, and we will endeavour to keep it to a minimum where possible. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause you during this time. It is necessary to undertake this work and we thank you for your on-going understanding.

On the Staverton Road side of the site, the new nursery is taking shape, and the structure is now in place. We are commencing the roofing within the next couple of weeks and we will then continue with the internal works. We are managing the vehicle entrance with our traffic marshals who are deployed at each of the gates. The construction of Woodstock Pavilion will commence once the above ground structure for the nursery is complete, around March 2024. We will provide more updates on this in due course.

Email Mailing List

If you would like a more detailed outline of our work, please contact us, on the contact details below. We would also like to offer any of our interested neighbours the opportunity to sign up to an email mailing list, should you wish to receive these regular newsletters in digital format. This will also allow us to issue interim updates by email, should the need arise along the way. Should you wish to sign up to the email mailing list, please drop us a note to: sarah.long@sdc.co.uk.

Should you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact David or I on the contact details shown.

We thank you for your cooperation during our construction.

With kind regards,



Farid Zadeh

SDC Project Manager

An Early Timeline of Events



Jan- Mar 2024:

- Water Court West Structural Frame
- Water Court East low level Brickwork
- Works to Fairfield Residential Home shared access road
- Working within Fairfield House Basement
- Nursery Roofing and Internal Works



Jan – Feb 2024:

- SSEN Works within the Banbury Road
- New Substation construction



March 2024 onwards


- Above ground building façade work
- Internal works

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