



Univ North Development

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



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Dear Resident,

We hope that this newsletter finds you well. Time is moving on fast and it's daunting to think that we are already nearly a quarter of the way through 2025, even more so for our teams on site as our first set of completion dates in the summer draw ever closer.

I appreciate that it may have been a while since we last shared an image of the layout of the site that shows the location of each of the buildings we are working on. You will find enclosed with this newsletter a visualisation of the layout of the site which I hope will help you understand where each building that we talk about is located.

On the Banbury Road side of the site, works are progressing well despite the recent poor weather conditions.

The ground works to Banbury Road Villa are ongoing with the ground floor slab and upstand walls being installed currently. You will be pleased to hear that this is the final building still to be erected as part of Phase 1 of the Univ North project.

As stated in our previous correspondence, both Water Court West and East are nearing completion internally, with the facades not far behind, which is currently progressing at a rate of knots. The scaffolding to Water Court West is being taken down and the brickwork cleaning is being completed as the scaffold is coming down.

You will have noticed that 'Sparkle' the tower crane has been removed, which has released us to begin work on the rill (water feature between the Water Courts), with the first part of the ground slab being poured.

Work down the access road that is shared with the Fairfield Residential Home are ongoing and the brickwork to the new switch room is now up to the roof plate and gable level. This has allowed us to install the timber roof structure, which will be followed by the roof tiles. Our teams have now commenced the main cable pull-throughs to bring the large power cables from the substation into each of the individual buildings.

On the Woodstock Road side, again the works are progressing well.

We have previously stated that the Nursery is practically complete, and the final items of M&E (Mechanical and Electrical) equipment being commissioned under temporary power. The external hard landscaping around the Nursery is also nearing completion.

Simultaneously, the College are undertaking works to the pedestrian access route for the Nursery which runs along the southern boundary of 96 Woodstock Road.

Woodstock Pavillion is now virtually weather tight with the roof covering and all windows installed. At present the brackets for the rainscreen cladding are being installed in anticipation of the timber fins and cladding to be installed. Internals works inc. drylining and M&E are ongoing.

As we are sure you can tell from the above updates, the site is incredibly busy with an increased number of operatives working on the project. There are: joiners, electricians, plumbers, dry-liners, plasterers, bricklayers, scaffolders, groundworkers and roofers. We remain acutely aware of the restrictions and sensitivities that surround parking, and I'd like to reaffirm our commitment to being a responsible contractor. We are making continuous efforts to address it by asking our subcontractors and operatives to utilise our shuttle minibus service to and from the park and ride. We understand the frustration that street parking causes and are working hard to improve the situation.

As always, we are committed to being open and cooperative and so should you have any questions or concerns about construction activities, please feel able to contact either myself or Lee through the contact details provided in this letter.

With kind regards,



George Ilett

Relationship Manager

An Early Timeline of Events



March 2025:

- Rill works continuing
- Continuing brickwork and roofing to Villas
- Continuing internal fit out to Villas
- BRV foundations continuing
- Continuing Shared access road and cable pull



April 2025:

- Permeant roof works to WLV
- CLT structure to Banbury road starting
- Continuing brickwork and roofing to Villas
- Continuing internal fit out to Villas
- Scaffold removal to WCW


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1. No. 104 Woodstock Road
2. No. 25 Staverton Road
3. Skirlaw Building
4. Bennet Building
5. Percy Building
6. No. 98 Woodstock Road
7. Nursery
8. Woodstock Pavilion
9. Greenwood Building
10. Redcliffe Maud House
11. Fairfield Residential Home
12. Water Court West Villa
13. Water Court East Villa
14. Walnut Lawn Villa
15. Fairfield House
16. Banbury Road Villa
17. No. 96 Woodstock Road



Site Layout