



Dear Neighbours,

Wadham College would like to thank all those who attended our last Community Liaison meeting on Monday 17 July. A variety of different issues were raised, all of which are being followed up by the appropriate experts.

Above all, Wadham would like to thank you for your patience and understanding over the last few months while you have had to endure the demolition of the Iffley Road site, in preparation for the construction of our student accommodation building.

Despite the best efforts of our contractors, who have put huge effort into keeping you informed and providing advance warnings during particularly difficult moments in the demolition process as well as addressing and answering specific concerns as they arise, we are fully aware of the inconvenience this work is causing to you, our near neighbours, and we are very grateful for your tolerance of this process.

Further to Richard Foot's last update, some additional information on progress:

- As Richard Foot mentioned, asbestos has been discovered in the last section of the flats. This will be removed on 7 August before this final section of the building comes down. The Health and Safety Executive have been notified and continue to attend the site for inspections. We are pleased that recent inspections by the HSE have proved positive with commendation given to the site team for their approach to safety in carrying out the demolition and more importantly, asbestos removal works.
- The demolition of the ground floor slab has commenced. The removal of the slab is critical to allow us to decontaminate the ground given its previous use as a garage. We are in the midst of removing the below-ground fuel tanks. If you occasionally notice the smell of petrol, there is no reason for alarm. This removal, along with the removal of contaminated soil, is progressing towards a decontaminated and cleansed site.
- Works to the boundary walls of 1 Charles and Percy Street continue to progress to decouple these properties from the site.
- Our site managers, project managers and surveyors have attended several houses following requests for visits from specific neighbours and remain on hand to look into any specific needs or concerns.
- The hoarding displays by Rose Hill Primary School are now in place and displays by Lark Rise School and Pegasus Theatre will be going up over the coming weeks.

Do stay in touch and let us know of any concerns you might have. Richard Foot, our site manager, from Beards is available on 07275 034534 for any immediate issues. Richard Todd and David Jobbins from Bidwells, our Project Managers, ([david.jobbins@bidwells.co.uk](mailto:david.jobbins@bidwells.co.uk)) will address any technical and planning concerns. Wadham's Head of Communications, Julia Banfield ([julia.banfield@wadham.ox.ac.uk](mailto:julia.banfield@wadham.ox.ac.uk)) is happy to respond to any further concerns. All are very welcome to our next Community Liaison Meeting on **18 September 2017**, 6pm, at the Gladiator Club.

Regular updates with latest news, contacts, meeting information etc can be found on the Dorothy Wadham Building page on the Wadham College website <https://www.wadham.ox.ac.uk/about-wadham/dorothy-wadham-building>.

Yours sincerely,

Julia Banfield on behalf of the Wadham College Bursars, Peter Alsop and Frances Lloyd.