January 2018

Dear Neighbours,

We would like to invite you to the next Community Liaison Meeting to update you on progress at the Dorothy Wadham Building site on Iffley Road.

The meeting will take place at the Gladiator Club on the corner of Percy Street and Iffley Road on Monday 15 January at 6pm.

Our building contractor, Gilbert-Ash, is making good progress with groundworks on site and the works completed since our last meeting on 20 November include:

- Completion of piling mat installation
- Completion of site set up
- Completion of piling to main site
- Demolition of Percy Street garages and removal of asbestos roof
- Safe removal of trees
- Commencement of perimeter hoarding to Percy Street garage site

GA has a busy schedule of work planned for the next three months. These works include:

- Basement excavation (starting January)
- Basement structural works, (forming the walls pouring the basement ground slab).
- Continuation of ground beam construction (constituting excavation and concrete work)
- Installation of below ground drainage
- Commencement of concrete frame
- Removal of last 25% of Percy Street garage site slab and installation of piling mat to Percy Street garage site
- Piling to Percy Street garage site (using a much smaller machine) will commence approximately 23 January

GA will be erecting two tower cranes on site towards the end of January. There will be a need to over-sail the highways, for which GA will make legal agreements with the council, however, they have worked out a construction plan that avoids over-sailing of private property. The project is due for completion in July 2019.

**Working arrangements**

Contractually permitted working hours are 07.30am – 17.30pm Monday to Friday and 07.30am – 13.00pm on Saturdays. In recognition of the level of disturbance that demolition can cause, our contractors have so far completely avoided Saturday working. However, Gilbert Ash has now informed us of the need to work on Saturday mornings, from 20 January, as a result of a direct request from sub-contractors who expect to work Saturday mornings in line with normal industry practice. Saturday morning deliveries will be kept to a minimum and will not take place between 7.30am and 9am. Gilbert Ash has agreed to try to avoid any potentially disruptive works on Saturdays, particularly during the early morning period.

**Parking restrictions**

In accordance with planning requirements GA has assured us that there will be no contract personnel parking on site or in neighbouring streets. Site manager Sam Clingen has committed to emphasising this to all subcontractors as well as carrying out regular checks of local streets.
Site hoardings

We’re sure you will have noticed the creative and colourful artwork which was added to the site hoardings in December, designed and painted by children at St Mary and St John Primary School. [https://www.wadham.ox.ac.uk/news/2017/december/figure-painting](https://www.wadham.ox.ac.uk/news/2017/december/figure-painting). Further decorative and informative hoarding panels will be erected within the next few weeks, providing general information about the building project and Wadham College.

2018 Community Liaison Meetings: Monday 15 January; Monday 16 April; Monday 16 July; Monday 15 October

Contacts

Do stay in touch and let us know of any concerns you might have. Please contact Sam Clingen (sam.clingen@gilbert-ash.co.uk) T: +44 (0)28 9066 4334 M: +44 (0)79 7392 7408 with immediate concerns. Richard Todd and David Jobbins from Bidwells, our Project Managers, (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) is happy to respond to any further concerns.

Regular updates with latest news, contacts and meeting information 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](https://www.wadham.ox.ac.uk/about-wadham/dorothy-wadham-building). If you would like to receive more regular updates about this project from the Friends of Iffley Road you can sign up to the mailing list here friendsoffiffleyroad@gmail.com.

Once again, Wadham College would like to express its gratitude for your ongoing patience and tolerance while this work takes place. Thanks also to those who have given up their time to join logistical discussions with GA and Bidwells, providing valued local expertise and advice.

Yours sincerely,

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