April 2019

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 29 April at 6pm (please note the change of date from the previous schedule).**

As the project enters its final phase, we will be updating you on operational matters including staffing for the site, security, access and student arrivals, as well as landscaping and planting and key dates for the coming weeks.

Our building contractor, Gilbert-Ash, is making good progress and we would like to make you aware of a number of issues which will affect local residents.

**Road closures and pedestrian circulation**

As the project approaches completion, a number of works will need to be carried out which will encroach on the public highway and/or the pavement. The contractor must apply to the Council, who will consider the wider picture of traffic and other works in the area and then decide the periods for road closure.

Our current understanding is as follows:

- On the weekends of April 6/7 and April 13/14 the Council will be closing Iffley Road between Percy Street and Charles Street to allow cranes and cabins to be removed from the site.
- From Monday 8 April, the portion of Percy Street in front of the Wadham site will be closed to traffic (but remain open to pedestrians) for three weeks to allow mains drainage work to be carried out.
- From early July until the end of the project, various areas of pavement around the Wadham site will be closed for periods as hoardings are removed, temporary Heras fencing is erected, trees are planted, pavements are repaired and exterior garden walls are constructed. Dates of this are not yet known.

During April, scaffolding on the Percy Street and Charles Street sides of the site will be removed, and that on the main buildings will gradually be removed thereafter.

The building site office will relocate to the Percy Street building on the site of the old garages.

During all these works our contractors will make every effort to keep disruption to a minimum. The project is due for completion in the summer of 2019 and we **plan to hold our final community liaison meeting at the end of the project when you will be invited to view the new facilities.**

**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](mailto: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](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.

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 friendsoffleyroad@gmail.com.

Wadham College would like to thank you for your ongoing patience and tolerance while this work takes place.

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