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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The concrete frame continues to rise inexorably skyward and today, 20 November 2020, we poured the final section of the fourth floor concrete slab. The falsework decking is progressing to the fifth floor and the first pour of this floor is planned for later next week.

The back propping is now removed from the first floor and preparations on this floor are in hand for the imminent commencement of partition studwork before Christmas.

The installation of the pre-cast stairs has commenced; the first two flights are already installed and the landings can then be formed in-situ.

The external scaffolding has started to be erected in advance of the façade cladding work starting next month. We have taken the opportunity to advance the scaffold to the south and north elevations to provide improved safe access for operatives forming the large shear walls on these elevations.

On the ground floor we have started forming the various rooms defining the plant spaces in the area, with the installation of steel support posts and beams spanning from floor to soffit to restrain the blockwork and dry lined walls spanning over five metres in height.

We are continually reviewing the Government's COVID-19 guidelines and have this week installed two additional drying rooms and two further canteen cabins.

UTILITIES INSTALLATION UPDATE

Phase 4 of the utilities installation work is continuing with the trench fully excavated under the Commonwealth Building tunnel and around to the junction with the Wolfson Building service road toward the Energy Centre. As anticipated, plotting a clear route for the new services, drainage and draw pits through this section has proved more difficult than in the first three phases, but a route has now been defined and the trenching has been extended to accommodate this.

This required several return visits by the vacuum excavator. This caused additional difficulties because although it is the safest way to excavate around existing live services, the vacuum extractor generates an extremely highpitched exhaust which was exacerbated in the confined space of the tunnel. Happily, these excavation works are now complete and the new services are being installed, thank you for your patience.

UPCOMING WORKS

Work in the next period will primarily be the continuation of the concrete frame to fifth floor level and of the utilities installation in Phase 4 of the service road works.



CHARITY UPDATE

Our Site Manager Jack Duggan was featured in last fortnight's issue with a start to his Movember moustache. Two more weeks of progress and daily moustache-growing effort have made an impressive difference.

So far, Jack has raised £225 for the Movember Charity. Movember is an important good cause which takes on mental health and suicide prevention, prostate cancer and testicular cancer to help men live happier, healthier, longer lives.

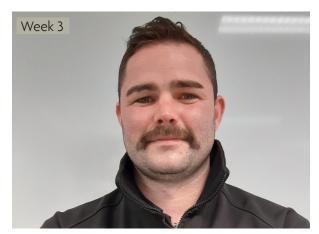
If you wish to support Jack and all the great work the Movember Charity carries out, please donate at:

https://movember.com/m/jackduggan









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