

MRC London Institute of Medical Sciences (LMS)



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Since our last newsletter, we have commenced installation of the first layer of ply decking at roof level.

The temporary weatherproofing measures in place were severely tested on Monday 12 July when the heavens opened with a month's rainfall in the space of one hour. The weatherproofing did however protect the structure from the vast majority of water ingress, with relatively little getting into the building which we managed to contain with some hastily arranged emergency measures.

The structural steel intumescent paint is now being applied to the secondary steels with some touching up at high level. The carpenters are fixing the timber roof at ninth floor, and installation of the Bauder roofing system is ongoing to the eighth floor. The screeding has progressed to the eighth floor with the dry lining works following on, and the mechanical and electrical services installation commencing on this level from Monday 19 July.

The external cladding is progressing well on the upper floors and has been completed to the lower level façade at the north west corner. This has allowed us to strike the scaffold, enabling the UKPN High Voltage plant to be installed into the substation whilst the gas main is

installed into the gas intake room in this area.

The internal work continues to be focused on the installation of the mechanical and electrical services, with the dry liners then going back into areas to close up the walls and install ceilings in preparation for the finishing trades to move in.

Ceilings have now commenced at first and second floor levels to the northern end of the building (Gridlines 2 – 8) whilst the main staircase in the atrium, which started from seventh floor level, has now extended down to the fourth floor.

The goods lift installation by Mitsubishi Lifts is progressing well and the passenger lift first fix works will commence shortly.

The traffic management control work at the Du Cane Road end of East Gate Road, to excavate the final gas main connection was completed on schedule and the road is now fully re-opened.

Looking ahead, we are now planning for the removal of the cranes with the first (Tower Crane 2) planned for removal over the weekend of 24 July.



COVID-19 UPDATE

The recent national trend seen from the Government's daily announcements showing increasing COVID-19 numbers have been experienced on site in the last reporting period. We have seen a significant increase in confirmed COVID-19 cases, positive lateral flow tests and self-isolations due to NHS track and trace pings.

This is starting to cause more disruption due to lack of site management and loss of labour which we are monitoring daily.

As a business and also at site level, we continue to follow the Construction Leadership Council (CLC) guidance which advises a cautionary approach to 'opening up' from 19 July and we include a link to their latest statement below for reference.

[Construction Leadership Council guidance](#)

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