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Gateway Central

February 2021

Dear Neighbour

Please see below this month's update with information on construction activity at the Gateway Central project.

Progress over the past month:

- Continuation of basement excavation across the site
- Excavation for the installation of temporary props (support beams)
- On going capping beam works (used to transfer loads across foundation piles)
- Construction of elements of the concrete structure at ground level.
- Installation of a cladding sample wall on the Tesco side of the site which allows the project team to look at the designs and for use by the planners. This will be on site for 1 month.

Planned works for February 2021:

- Completion of basement excavation, temporary props and final sections of the capping beams.
- Construction of the basement and ground floor concrete slabs.
- Assembly of the slipform framework parallel to South Africa Road. This is a frame which moves up gradually throughout the day allowing for continuous concrete supply to form the building core (for lifts and staircases). More information to be provided on this activity later in the month.
- Early starts for vehicles to enter the site (from 07:00am) and removal of spoil (from 07:30am) to continue until 20th February following a successful two-week trial subject to LBHF Environmental Health approval.
- Gate 1 on South Africa Road will start to be used more for deliveries as we move into concrete structure works.

Foundation pre-employment programme

A fully funded pre-employment programme for anyone who is unemployed or not currently working in construction is currently available. The programme is being run by Keltbray who are undertaking the concrete works at Gateway Central and is in conjunction with TfL.

The course is offered via a virtual classroom so candidates will need access to a computer and the internet. Training includes: Introduction to Construction, Manual Handling, Mental Health Awareness, Resilience Advantage, Asbestos Awareness, Health & Safety Awareness and attainment of a CSCS card.

If you would like more information or to register your interest, please email gatewaywhitecity@srm.com

Contact Us

For any queries relating to construction works, want to sign up for regular updates, or to join the Whatsapp group:

Email: gatewaywhitecity@srm.com
(Mon-Fri between 8am and 6pm)

For all enquiries outside of these hours, or anything urgent, please use the 24-hour hotline: **0800 061 2132**.

*All contact details will be used for the purposes of keeping you up to date with regards development works for the Gateway Central project. This data will not be disclosed to any organisation not associated with the re-development.

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COVID testing and DNA sequencing laboratories installed on the Gateway East site at White City Place

Two laboratories have been installed on the Gateway East site at White City Place. The laboratories which are housed in shipping containers, are being introduced to the site to help in the fight against the pandemic.

The larger of the two laboratories will utilise Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) testing technology to test for positive COVID-19 results. The second laboratory is using DNA sequencing technology to check any positive COVID tests for mutations of the virus, such as those that have emerged in recent months from Kent and South Africa.

This is the first time that dedicated testing and sequencing laboratories have been deployed together and will help increase the speed in which potential vaccine resistant mutations of the virus are detected.

The units have been designed and manufactured by biotechnology company OpenCell, who have existing operations in the borough.

Jonathan Trout, Property and Commercial Director, Stanhope, stated: *“We are pleased to have had the opportunity to work with OpenCell to help play our part in the fight against COVID-19 and to make available this space at our life sciences hub at White City Place. This is the first time that dedicated testing and DNA sequencing laboratories have been deployed together and is indicative of the enterprising spirit and innovation that White City Place has become known for.”*

