The Master’s Field, Balliol College

Newsletter No. 3 – March 2018

Welcome to our newsletter, which aims to keep you up-to-date with what is happening on our site.

What we’re building

BAM are building eight new accommodation blocks at its Jowett Walk site.

These will be progressing from now, with a planned completion date for the whole scheme in June 2020.

The scheme also includes the construction of a new squash court and energy centre, which will be located within the basement of a new sports pavilion. (This will be constructed at a later date)

What’s next?

Over the next couple of weeks works / progress on site will be;

- Piling of Blocks A, B1, B2 will be completed.
- Piling to the basement will commence, with the delivery of a larger piling rig to site.
- Formation of the ground floor slabs to Block A will have commenced, with cutting down the piles to the correct level and starting under slab drainage works.
- The new entrance off Jowett Walk will be completed, with the current entrance closed off. The exit onto St Cross road will be nearing completion.

Recent progress

The site has changed a lot since the last newsletter. BAM have now had their site accommodation delivered and livened up on site, as well as works to form the new entrance off Jowett Walk commencing.

Currently access onto site for vehicles is still through the original access gate.

Work has recently started to the formation of the basement pile guide wall, with its excavation and commencement of formwork.

Works on site have included the commencement of the piling to three of the accommodation blocks, along with excavated materials being taken off site. Materials be brought to site have been for the completion of the piling mats. These works have seen an increase in the number of lorry movements to and around the site. An additional gateman has commenced on site to aid in this increase.

In the past fortnight the two new soakaways, located on the edge of the cricket pitch, have been back filled with appropriate material and topsoil, ready to be turfed in preparation of being handed back to the college.

Stripping of the topsoil and formation of the site haul road, running adjacent to the Dellal and Martin buildings, connecting a route through from Jowett Walk and St Cross Road is progressing.

Piling rig and associated plant.
Currently piling Block A footprint

Topsoil to the two new soakaways.

Clearing of materials, ready for the site haul road.

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Site Manager: Steve Collins
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Our partners:
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About BAM
BAM Construction is part of BAM Construct UK which is one of the country’s largest construction services organisations with a turnover of more than £900 million. We operate throughout England, Scotland and Wales. Our European parent company is Royal BAM Group which employs over 25,000 people worldwide and has a turnover of €7 billion.

Currently BAM are working throughout the South East of England, but are on site with another project at Acland House for Keeble College. There we are forming a new set of accommodation blocks, as well as a leading research facility within the building’s basement.

Considerate Constructors
All BAM sites register with the Considerate Constructors Scheme. This means we are committed to being a good neighbor and to being clean, respectful, safe, environmentally conscious, responsible and accountable. Our site is independently inspected to make sure we live up to these aims.

We try to work in a way that causes as little inconvenience as possible to our neighbors. We apologize for any unavoidable nuisance that may be caused during the work.

Please help us with safety
Construction sites can be dangerous. At BAM our top priority is the health and safety of everyone who works on our sites, the public and the local community affected by our work. If you need to contact us, please ring us or call the site office but do not enter the site.

Please make any children in your care aware that our building site is not a playground and that they must not enter the site. Thank you for your co-operation.

Contacting the site team:
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