



November 2016

The Newbattle Centre



“Teaching Block Steel Framework”

Dear Resident,

This is our November Newsletter and we are issuing this to keep our neighbours and the local communities of Mayfield, Easthouses, Newtongrange and Gorebridge informed of the progress made to date and the upcoming milestone events. This project is being delivered, on behalf of Midlothian Council, by its development partner Hub South East Scotland and constructed by Morrison Construction. The Newbattle Centre will incorporate Newbattle High School and also facilities for the local communities such as a new library, 6 lane swimming pool, Tone Zone fitness room, 3G all-weather pitch and other sporting facilities.

Works to Date

A large part of the works carried out to date is the groundworks. Completion of works include drainage connections within and out with the site boundary. The Bellmouth entrance has been formed and access roads are being prepared for finished tar. Monoblock has been installed to provide a base for the 270 spaces for car parking.

Kerbs have been installed along access roads and in the surrounding car parking. Tree Pits have also been formed in central car parking area.

The Swimming Pool has been excavated to allow the concrete structure and pipework to be installed. Work has also progressed on the Foundations and Internal Drainage for the Sports Block.

Work has finished on rotavating and seeding the new natural turf rugby pitch.

From the adjacent roads to the site, residents can start to see the construction of the teaching block has taken shape. This involves erecting the structural steel frame which includes the feature stair for the atrium of the school. Following the steel is the installation of the pre cast concrete floor units on three levels of the building.

Upcoming Activities

The upcoming activities include completion of the structural steel frame of the teaching block and then starting on the Sports Block framework. Progress will continue on installing the pre cast concrete floor units in the teaching block. Following installation of the floor units, we have started laying out steel reinforcement in preparation for the finished floor material. In the Sports Block, we will continue to form the base and structural walls for the swimming pool.

Completing the footpaths to Morris Road and to Roundabout; install utility services and cast remaining foundations in the Sports Block.

Work will start on cladding and ensuring the building is wind and water tight with installation of the windows and roof work.



'Pre Cast Concrete Floor Units'



'Swimming Pool Structure Being Formed'

Local job creation

We are keen to ensure that, where possible, we offer opportunities to local people in relation to work experience and employment. At present we currently have a number of local operatives working on site. Gorebridge man Jordan Rafferty, pictured, initially started on site through an agency has now been taken on by the groundworks contractor, RJT.



Important Milestones in Construction

Cladding: Autumn 2016
Completion: Spring/Summer 2018

Hours of Work

The site will be generally in use from 7.30am to 6pm Monday to Friday. To maintain the works programme, Saturday working may be required. Evening work may be required on an occasional basis to vital items. We will always endeavour to keep these occasions to a minimum and disturbance also to a minimum.

Site Safety

We aim to ensure that the construction work does not cause undue disturbance or inconvenience to the local community and we will take the utmost care to keep members of the community safe from hazards.

Building sites are dangerous places for children and should not be entered. To inform local children of the dangers, we have carried out Health and Safety Presentations to the pupils of the High School and some of the feeder primary schools. We would ask local residents to reinforce safety messages to children in their care.

The site is fully fenced off and we have kept a clear public footpath to provide safe access to Mayfield from the existing school. The site entrance is located on the B6482, and in order to ensure the safety of all, the speed limit on the road next to the site entrance has been reduced to 30 mph.

Keeping you informed

We aim to keep the local communities informed of the progress of works and upcoming activities by means of regular newsletters similar to this.

Our site will be registered through the *Considerate Constructors Scheme*. Details of this can be viewed on their web site - www.ccscheme.org.uk or by scanning the code to the right.



Contacts and Feedback

Should you have any queries, comments or feedback please feel free to contact the Construction Team or the Project Team as noted below. Alternatively please fill out the form below and drop this in to site office or post to the address noted.



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