

Life and Mind Building July Update

21st July 2022

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Dear Residents and Neighbours,

What's been happening on Life and Mind Building Oxford, I hear you ask – well let us tell you...

As we have reached the half-way point of the calendar year, we reflect on the short-term objectives that have been completed during months of June & July, all with the intention of keeping the main project momentum on track.

Some of the upcoming 2022 Project Milestones:

Structural Steel Works
above the existing CTL
building commencing

16th July 2022 **ACHIEVED**

The New Off-Site
Manufactured Plant room
delivered and installed

Summer 2022

Completion of the entire
Ground floor slab & scoop
area.

28th Oct 2022

Commence the structural
steel frame of the New
Office Block.

21st December 2022



Considerate Constructors Scheme

A not-for-profit, independent organisation founded in 1997 to raise standards in the construction industry

Construction Manager Colin Ludlow commented:

“We are so excited to see the frame of the building start to climb out of the basement. This is always a key period as the building structure starts to take shape and we see the rewards from all the hard work in and below the ground.

The summer months will be very busy both on site and at our offsite fabrication facilities”

Short Term

The huge 1.25m thick Raft Slab continues to take shape as we continue the slab under the future lecture theatre. On the West our structure continues to take shape with the team currently forming the first-floor slab level. To the South the first structural steel elements have been installed to the roof of the existing CTL building, a difficult and complicated logistical task; that requires us to work on weekends over the Summer term time.

Our short-term focus will be to keep that concrete frame flying! While on the south we will continue the structural steel installation and prepare for the first of our fully pre-fabricated plant rooms to arrive towards the end of August.



The short-term project successes we have had include:

SUCCESS	WHY DOES THIS MATTER
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Basement Slab	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Overall, there will be 24 concrete pours to form the basement slab, some of which will require up to 230m³ of concrete (34 concrete wagons). We are up to our 15th pour.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Superstructure 'Flex' Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Works continue with formation of the Ground floor while our superstructure rises to the first floor on the south.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">First set of the Twin wall Core delivered & Installation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Allows for an efficient, fast & quality finish of installation, crucial to hitting our project targets.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">CTL Structural Steel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Delivered & Installed the first bay of structural steel above the 'live' CTL building, which will eventually connect into the new LaMB block.

Operative of the Month



Sikhtar Singh – “ *Sikhtar has been an integral part of our team, managing the stores, assisting with logistical upkeep & diligently keeping our concrete testing regime up to standard. Always willing to go that extra mile to assist the team.* “

During his spare time Sikhtar is a popular Radio Presenter on a Punjabi Radio Station based in London.

What's Happening Summer 2022

Construction:

- Continue to form the 5,500m² of ground floor slab. 8 pours to go !!
- Install our second sections of TWIN WALL Core construction, as detailed in a previous newsletter.
- Prepare for the landing of the new fully pre-fabricated plant room that will be dropped onto the roof of the existing CTL building.
- Continue with the structural Steel installation that sits above a live teaching building. This challenge means that to comply with safety and noise requirements we must utilise weekends to install all that steel.

OUR LaMB OASIS!

We have created a little haven in our outside space. There are tables and chairs to dine alfresco or just to sit and enjoy the sunshine, we have added plants and trees from a local Garden Centre to create this little Oasis.

Enjoy!



We would love to hear from you with any comments, queries or feedback you may have regarding the LaMB Project! We have a post box on the hoarding near the Main Entrance on St. Cross Road should you wish to leave us a communication.

Alternatively, you can call Allan Brockwell on 07736 603752

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or just speak to our Gateman!

