

# Life and Mind Building September Update



22<sup>nd</sup> September 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...

With the summer drawing to a close and autumn now upon us we reflect on the short-term objectives that have been completed during the months of August and September, and also take a look forward at what to expect in the next couple of months.

Some of the upcoming 2022 Project Milestones:

Complete Structural  
Steel works to CTL roof  
area  
August 2022

The New Off-Site  
Manufactured Plant room  
delivered and installed  
September 2022

Completion of the  
basement and lower  
Ground floor slab  
28th Oct 2022

Commence the structural  
steel frame of the New  
Office Block  
15th November 2022

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## Considerate Constructors Scheme

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Construction Manager Colin Ludlow commented:

*“The frame has pushed on very well over the summer period helped by the introduction of a third tower crane to assist with the core areas of the office block. The site continues to be busy with a gradual increase in numbers of operatives on site and deliveries through the gate. Notable achievements in the last few weeks are the completion of the steelwork and decking over the CTL building and the landing of the new modular plantroom, both ahead of programme.”*

# Short Term

On the West, our structure continues to take shape with the team currently forming the second-floor slab level, with core walls & rising columns rapidly following suit. Our short-term focus will be to keep that concrete frame flying! To the east, the target will remain on completing the ground-floor slab which in-turn releases the next stage of the Office Structure.

The first of the twin wall cores that will form the centre pieces for the superstructure have been delivered and installed in the period. The first of the twin-wall cores is currently formed to level 01, with the second core to commence imminently.

To the South, the team have successfully installed the pre-fabricated plant room. Comprising of 12 sections in excess of 8 tonnes each! These were lifted onto the existing CTL building over the course of two weekends.

The short-term project successes we have had include:

## SUCCESS

- Basement Slab
- Superstructure 'Flex' Building
- First set of the 'Office' Twin wall Core delivered & Installation.
- CTL Plant room

## WHY DOES THIS MATTER

- 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 21<sup>st</sup> pour.
- Formation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor slab is in progress.
- Allows for an efficient, fast & quality finish of installation, crucial to hitting our project targets for the Steel Frame.
- Delivered & installed the pre-fabricated plant room. The plant room will need to be operational come term time 2023 and could only be delivered during out of term time, while leaving sufficient time for service installation, commissioning & integration into the existing CTL Building.



## Operative of the Month



**Courtney Langsbury** – Courtney works with our Sub-contractor - Toureen and has previously worked on a University project in Oxford. “I like the diversity and inclusion of projects like this, and also the opportunity for growth and advancement in a welcoming environment”.

## What's Happening Autumn 2022

### Construction:

- Continue to form the 5,500m2 of ground floor slab. 8 pours to go !!
- Continue with the RC Cores that will form the central pillars for the new Office building steel structure.
- Complete the externals to the newly positioned CTL plant room as wells as complete the internal service connections.
- Continue with RC frame for the Flex building, as we push towards the third & fourth floors.
- Striking out the back-props and start enabling works for the advanced fitout works.
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*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*

*or Colin Ludlow on 07933 182374*

*or just speak to our Gateman!*

