



Hayesfield Girls' School Re-Provision Of Sports & Performing Arts Facility

Project Newsletter 9th February 2010

Dear Neighbour,

I am writing to update you on progress since our last newsletter was issued just before Christmas.

As you will have witnessed, the first two weeks of the new year brought snow and freezing conditions which has severely hampered the progress of the groundwork phase, and we are only just recovering from the aftermath of this occurrence.

However good progress has been made over the last two weeks and we are aiming to cast the first section of the lower level concrete floor slab, weather permitting, this Wednesday 10th February. Approximately 20 truckloads of concrete will be required for this operation but only 2-3 trucks will be delivering to site at any given time and will be held on site, should the need arise, to avoid waiting on the highway. As the concrete will require protecting once it has been poured, it may be necessary to place the protection after 6pm, dependant on how quickly the concrete reaches an initial set. These protection activities will not involve any drilling or banging etc. and will be completed early in the evening.

Planned activities for the rest of this month, and into March, will predominantly concentrate on progressing the reinforced concrete slabs and retaining walls so you should start to see the footprint of the new building taking shape over the coming weeks.

You may also have noticed a small drilling rig appear at the top end of the site within the last couple of days. This rig will drill the 30 boreholes required for the ground source heat pump system and will be on site for the next few weeks. We do not anticipate any significant noise or vibration issues with this operation as it is similar in principle to the foundation piling that we have carried out previously.

Within the next 3-4 weeks we will be building a small sample panel of the proposed materials that will form the building envelope (Bath stone, windows, zinc cladding panels). This sample panel will then be inspected by the B&NES Planning Department to ensure that they are satisfied with the proposed materials. Once we have a confirmed date for when the sample panel will be ready, you may wish to take a look yourself so you can get an idea of what the building will look like in the flesh. This may also be an opportunity for you give any feedback of your experience of the project to date and ask any questions you may have.

In the meantime should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact either myself, or our Construction Manager, Richard Taylor (Richard.taylor@isgpearce.com), via e-mail and we will make every effort to respond as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

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