

WHITELEYS DEVELOPMENT

CONSTRUCTION NEWSLETTER

Dear Neighbour,

Welcome to the latest edition of the Whiteleys Development newsletter.

This newsletter comes to you under very different circumstances as previous newsletters, with the current Coronavirus outbreak requiring us all to approach work and general life differently.

As you are aware, construction at the Whiteleys Development is continuing as per current government advice, and we are closely monitoring government actions and reviewing our approach daily.

Currently, we are continuing with certain site work: piling, general operative work and logistics activities. We are operating with a limited number of operatives on site and a skeleton team of less than 10 office staff located across two separate buildings.

With the majority of the project team now working from home, all face-to-face meetings – internal and external – have been cancelled and are conducted via phone call or video call.

Some further measures have been taken to protect our team and the general public including daily site briefings about health & safety measures, social distancing of staff and workforce, extra cabins installed on site to enable social distancing, and regular deep cleans of offices, cabins, plant and machinery, as well all common areas and touchpoints.

We are committed to ensuring our impact on the day-to-day lives of our neighbours is minimised, especially during these testing times. We will continue to update you with our progress, any work that may cause disruption, and of course any changes to our work in relation to Coronavirus.

Supporting where we can – face mask donation, St. Mary's Hospital

In a bid to help the local community through the crisis where we can, our project director, Gus Wright, and health and safety manager, Ian Seabrook, took 200 face masks from site and donated them to St. Mary's A&E in Paddington. The team at St. Mary's were grateful for the donation as – like much of the NHS now – they are faced with a shortage of essential personal protective equipment for hospital staff. A special thank you should also go to our site storeman, Phil O'Neil, who suggested the idea.

Images top-bottom: virtual meetings; guidelines for social distancing on site; Ian Seabrook, H&S manager dropping masks off at St. Mary's



Meet the team:



Gus Wright
Project Director



James Swales
Project Leader



MaryAnne Cooper
Community Manager



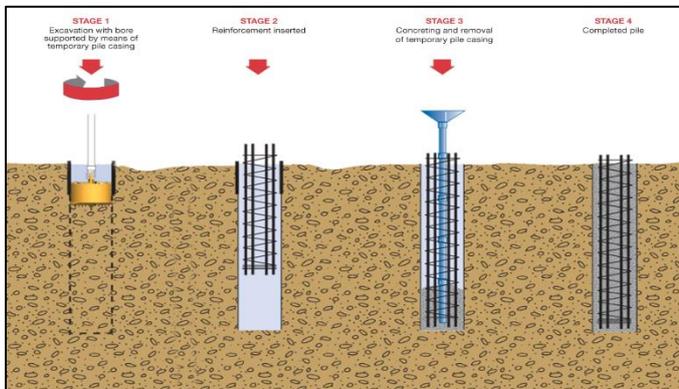
Lucas Tsokallis
Project Manager

Progress on site:

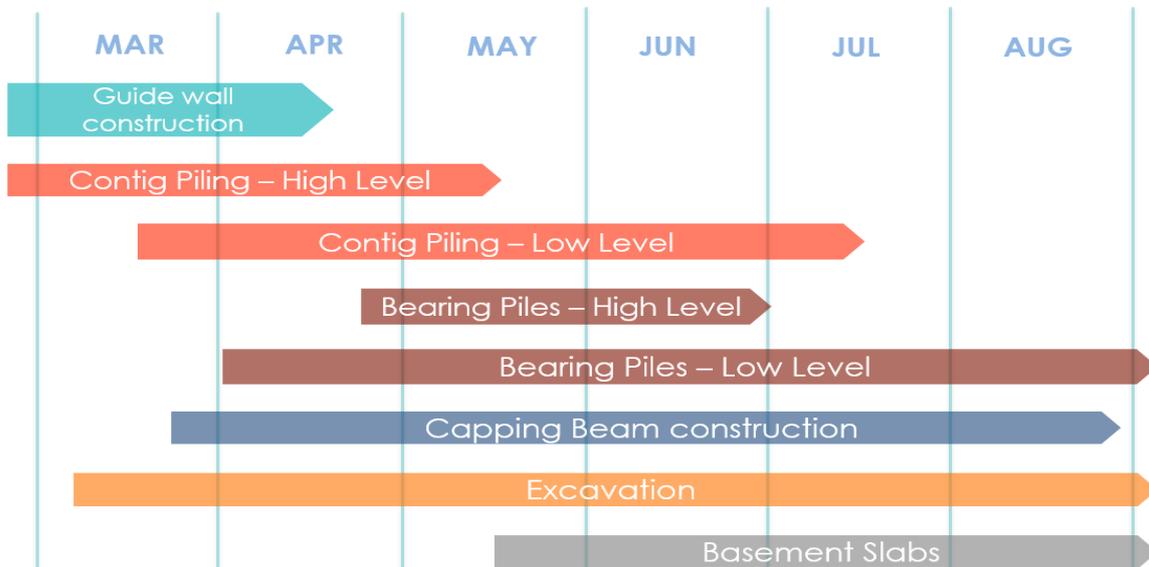
In our last newsletter we were busy transitioning from the demolition phase with previous contractor, Erith, to preparing the site for our phase of the development to begin. We have now commenced the piling phase, essentially laying the foundations for the new structure.

We are using the 'rotary bored' method of piling, the stages of which are illustrated in the image below.

The images to the right show the site from the north-west and south-east corners.



Overview of programme March-August 2020:



Contact us: Please contact us with any questions or comments at whiteleyscommunity@laingororuke.com. You can also call our site security team – 07384 906917, or community manager, Mary-Anne – 07818528837.

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