

# THE WHITELEY CONSTRUCTION NEWSLETTER

**Dear Neighbour,**

Welcome to the Whiteley newsletter, we hope you are keeping well and staying safe.

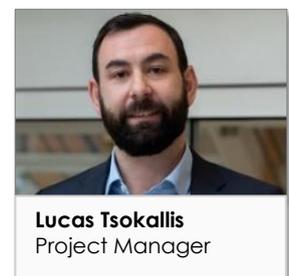
**CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:** As many of our neighbours along Redan Place and Porchester Gardens will already know, superstructure works are progressing quickly on the west side of site. The photos below show how far the works above ground have moved in just two months!

As relayed in our previous newsletter, we are applying 'top-down' construction methodology i.e. building upwards as we also excavate and build downwards. This means the basement excavation works – which continue across site – will become increasingly insulated as the superstructure rises above ground.

## PROGRESS ON SITE:



## MEET THE TEAM:



## A day in the life of a construction worker....

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Meet Harminder, our Logistics Supervisor at the Whiteley. Some of you may recognise Harminder, and some neighbours might already know him personally. We caught up with Harminder to get an inside perspective of a day in the life of a construction worker:

#### What is your role on the Whiteley?

I am the Logistics Supervisor – I oversee all the comings and goings around site, ensuring deliveries and collections run smoothly and our impact on neighbours is minimised.

#### What time get up in the morning?

I get up every day at 4:30 and leave the house at 5:15. It takes me about an hour to drive here from Gravesend, so I arrive on site at 6:15/6:30.

#### What is your first duty in the morning?

My first duty when I come to site is to catch up with the night-time security guard, firstly to say hi, and also check if there have been any issues overnight. I will then brief my team, who also arrive around 6:30, with tasks for the day. They walk round site to make sure everything is set up for the day. I'll send one of my guys to Bishops Bridge Road to liaise with the delivery trucks that are beginning to arrive in the holding bays there, and I'll send someone to Redan Place to manage the barrier and road access.

We try and make sure wide loads (that need to be off the London road network by rush hour) arrive to site close to 7am. We are very mindful of not waking our neighbours too early. Once early deliveries are in, engines are switched off and unloading is held off until site working hours commence at 8am.

#### What are your typical tasks for the day?

My whole team will start at 7:30 when they will jump on road duties in the streets around site – making sure cones are out, footpaths are clearly marked, and public areas are clean and tidy.

Much of the rest of the day involves managing deliveries to site - ensuring they are sticking to the agreed routes and timing them as precisely as possible to avoid traffic build-up on the road network.

#### What time do you finish work?

I finish work at 6pm and get home about 7:30 – it takes a bit longer to get home in the evening.



Harminder, our Logistics Supervisor at Whiteleys

**What do you enjoy most about your job?**

I enjoy being busy and I'm motivated by trying to help people – both my colleagues and the public. I enjoy working as a team, and really like the problem-solving part of my job. I like to help neighbours; we work closely with the businesses on Westbourne Grove such as Khan's Restaurant, Flying Tiger and the London Homestore to make sure they can receive their deliveries easily, away from construction traffic. We have come to know some of the neighbours along Redan Place personally, and we have already built up some really good relationships with them.

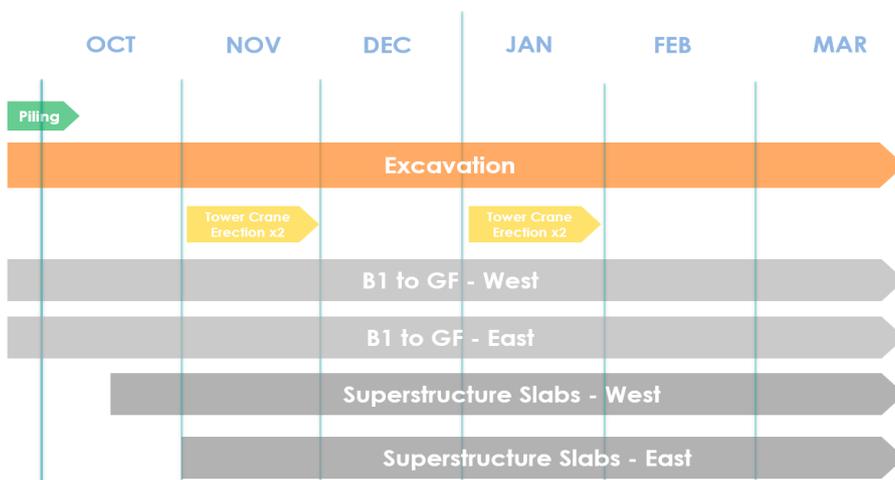
**What do you dislike about your job?**

I don't like it when I've planned out everything for the day and something happens to mess it up – I love problem solving but I don't like it when a plan goes wrong!



L-R: Traffic marshals, Harminder, Lamine, Claudio, Navdeep, and Ken

**OVERVIEW OF PROGRAMME:**



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**Site working hours:** Mon-Fri 8:00-18:00 Saturday 8:00-13:00

**COVID-19 UPDATE:** We are continuing with our current model of some team members working from home and others coming in on a rota system to ensure social distancing can be maintained. All team members are required to have their temperature taken upon arrival to work and check in via NHS track & trace. Masks are mandatory (as per company policy) for all staff and workforce when indoors, and not sitting behind protective screens between desks. Additionally, with site numbers increasing in the new year we will be installing extensive new welfare facilities along the east elevation of site, behind the façade, again to enable social distancing.