Dear Neighbour,

We thought it would be an appropriate time to update you further on our progress with works on site.

The first phase of works, the construction of the foundations, is progressing well. The machinery that was present on site last month, including the piling rig, has completed its operations and been removed from the site. The foundations for the central core area, which will support the central part of the building containing the lifts and stairs, is progressing well and the formation of the ground floor concrete slab has also now commenced and will define the footprint of the building when complete.

Construction of foundations to the future reading room

The next activity that will be clearly visible from outside the site boundary will be the tower crane. This plant is a familiar sight on the London skyline and is used on many construction projects for lifting equipment and materials around the site. This will be installed at the end of the month of July and will remain until the second quarter of 2019. To minimise disruption to external traffic the erection of the crane will occur within the site boundary.

One of the first operations that the crane will be used for is the construction of the main tower walls. The first step is to construct the formwork. Formwork, or shuttering, is an arrangement of wooden boards used as a mould in which the concrete is poured to form the walls and columns. Once this is put together, the construction will start towards the end of July 2018.

Concrete being poured to the main tower containing the central stair and lifts

Vision panels have been installed within the hoardings to allow interested parties to view the works in progress from the pavement.

Photos are being placed next to our vision panels along Lambeth Palace Road with a brief description of works to keep people informed of our progress.

During this month, a scaffold platform will be installed above the footpath on Lambeth Palace Road to allow cabins to be installed to provide facilities for the site operatives for washing, changing and eating.

Vehicle deliveries entering and leaving the site will continue. To accommodate the movement of vehicles a loading bay will be formed along Lambeth Palace Road. This will safely segregate the general traffic (vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians) from our delivery vehicles, whilst maintaining the traffic flow and cycle lanes.

If you wish to know anything further about the project, please do not hesitate to contact us directly on the details below.

We will continue to issue newsletters to keep you updated on progress, key dates and activities on site.

Kind regards,

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