Dear Neighbour,

Here is our May newsletter to keep you updated on our progress.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, broke the first ground on 20th April 2018 and construction is now underway at the site of the new Lambeth Palace Library.

The site boundary has been established in the Archbishop’s Park and along Lambeth Palace Road with a timber hoarding to provide a secure perimeter to the construction site. Vision panels have been installed within the hoardings to allow interested parties to view the works in progress from the pavement.

The first phase of the construction activities is the formation of the foundations. The large machinery currently on site is required for drilling down into the ground to form concrete columns known as piles which will support the new building.

Once these piling works are complete, the next stage in the foundation construction will be the installation of the new drainage which sits below the building and the formation of the ground floor slab.

As the works on site start to gain pace the facilities for our site staff and operatives are being increased. A scaffold platform will be installed above the footpath to allow cabins to be installed to provide facilities for washing, changing and eating. Our project office will also be increased in size to accommodate our growing project team and will be located inside the site hoardings at the end of the gardens of the Palace.

The number of vehicles entering and leaving the site will also increase over the coming weeks. To accommodate this and minimise impact on local traffic a loading bay will be formed along Lambeth Palace Road. This will accommodate additional delivery vehicles safely segregated from general traffic and maintaining the traffic flow and cycle lanes.

We have carefully developed all our plans for the works with Lambeth Council, Transport for London and in consultation with St. Thomas’ Hospital with the aim of minimising impact on the local area.

If you wish to know anything further about the project, please do not hesitate to contact us directly on the details below. We will be happy to meet with you or correspond regarding details of the proposed works.

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

Kind regards,

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