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Dear Sir/Madam

THE SKINNERS' KENT ACADEMY, BLACKHURST LANE, TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT TN2 4PY

1: Construction Update

Welcome to the second edition of the construction newsletter for The Skinners' Kent Academy re-development. In this edition, we shall be covering;

- Contract signing
- The first tasks to be undertaken on site
- Details of how you can come and speak to me at one of our monthly construction surgeries
- Details of the consultation on the Site 2 acoustic fencing proposals
- Communications Calendar
- Response to questions raised at the Construction Open Evening (20 June 2011).

2: Contract Signing:

We are pleased to confirm that the contract for the scheme was finalised on 15 July 2011. For a copy of the KCC Press Release, please visit www.kent.gov.uk/bsf. Following confirmation that all planning pre-conditions have been satisfied, work has started on site as of 18 July 2011.

3: Planned Site Works:

As detailed in the last newsletter, and at the last construction open evening, our first priority is to establish site boundaries and welfare facilities. This will be followed by asbestos surveys and removal (under license) in order to allow us to demolish the Music block, Library block, and Junior House block.

These are the blocks which occupy the location for the new academy buildings. Any asbestos found, whether encapsulated or not, will be removed in strict compliance to all appropriate legislation.

Once the asbestos is removed, we will begin "deconstructing" the buildings, reclaiming and re-cycling any re-useable material. These works will produce controlled levels of noise, but will be carried out strictly between the hours of operation allowed for in the planning conditions.

4: Monthly Construction Surgeries:

As part of our planned communications calendar, we are organising a series of monthly Construction Surgeries where residents will have the opportunity to speak to me personally about any issues about the construction programme.

The meetings will take place between 4 to 6 pm in Willmott Dixon's onsite facilities. If you would like to attend, please contact me on 01322 626650 or email duncan.purvis@willmott Dixon.co.uk.

Details of these meetings and other engagement opportunities are included in the Communications Calendar section below.



5: Details of the Site 2 Acoustic Fencing Consultation

Site 2 is the Academy's playing field situated between Sandown Park and Pembury Road. Planning permission for Site 2 includes the following condition:

'Within 12 months of the commencement of construction or such longer period as may be agreed with the County Planning Authority, details of acoustic fencing surrounding the All Weather Pitch and at the site boundary adjacent to the grass football pitch (Site 2) including density, height, location and external appearance shall be submitted for the approval of the County Planning Authority. Thereafter the acoustic fencing shall be fully implemented as approved prior to the first use of the All Weather Pitch and shall be maintained on site for the duration of the All Weather Pitch hereby permitted.'

As part of the consultation process, we would like to discuss the acoustic fencing proposals with any resident whose property borders the site boundary. Letters will be sent out next week detailing the location plan and design details.

The consultation will also include the opportunity for affected residents to discuss the matter in person with Willmott Dixon. If you are an affected resident and you do not receive a letter, please contact me using the details below.

6: Communications Calendar:

15 August 2011: Construction Surgery | Construction Newsletter No. 3

19 September 2011: Construction Open Evening | Construction Newsletter No. 4.

7: Response to questions:

We would like to thank all those who attended the first Construction Open Evening. A number of questions were raised in the feedback form. We have organised these into themes and have included our responses to these in the attached Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document.

If you raised a question which is not sufficiently covered by the FAQ, or would like more information, please email skinnerkentacademy@kent.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully,

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