

Introduction

Site Newsletter No. 2 : November 2014

Eric Wright Construction and Eric Wright Civil Engineering are delighted to be working in the heart of Blackburn on this prestigious construction project.

This newsletter has been produced to inform surrounding businesses, transport users and the general public of the nature of the development, the parties involved and also our policy and procedures to minimise inconvenience during the course of the building programme. We enclose our first point of contact details for dealing with any issues which may concern you.

Our civil engineering arm have been on site since last November with the construction side of the business commencing on site this Summer.

It is our desire to engage with the local community in a positive manner during our occupation of the area and as such we are currently planning some work with the Youth Zone team over the Halloween period by assisting them in setting up their 'Zombie Run!' Good luck to all of you enjoying the experience this Friday. We have also committed to constructing a sensory garden area within their existing facility and very much look forward to getting involved with Laura and the Youth Zone team for the duration of our stay.

If you have any ideas about how we could reach out into the local community please get in touch.

This site is Considerate Constructors registered which you can read a little more about later in this newsletter.

View of the new Premier Inn and office block from Bridge House, Jubilee Street



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Key Dates

Start on Site:
November 2013

Building Works Complete:
September 2015

Development Description

- Construction of a high specification 6 storey office building fronting onto Blackburn Railway Station
- Construction of a 60 bed Premier Inn hotel to the rear of the Cathedral
- Re-configuration of the surrounding roads and pavements to allow better public transport links
- A new bus interchange and taxi rank to the railway station
- Extensive public realm landscaping between the new buildings and Blackburn Cathedral

Nature of the Works in the coming weeks

The traffic management system has changed many times since our last newsletter as part of our commitment to keeping traffic flowing through the town centre. The local council team responsible for delivering the scheme have been in talks with all local stakeholders leading up to the full closure of the boulevard fronting the railway station and secured a full closure during the last week in October. There has been much consultation and resulting publicity to keep everyone informed regarding alternative bus routes, diversions and information signage etc.

The area will be open to through traffic again from 3rd November and the taxi rank will be functional and ready for use by the general public.

The area under the external railway station canopy roof is not accessible while another building contractor working for Northern Rail carries out painting and general refurbishment works to the structure. Access to and from the station will be maintained at all times. If you have any enquiries regarding this area please speak with the station manager.

The timber hoarding surrounding the site is now complete and replaces the steel fencing and will continue to ensure the safety of the general public and safe segregate our site activities.

As you will see the huge steel frames are now taking shape and the form of the two new buildings can clearly be seen.

Our gateman controls movements around the site entrance and will be willing to speak to you should you be in the vicinity and have any questions. Please take care around the site with live traffic passing through all the time.

There will still be busy traffic movement around the site resulting from deliveries and the movement of materials onto and off the site, so please take care when crossing the roads particularly around the site.

For more information on Eric Wright Construction please visit:

www.ericwright.co.uk

For further information on the development
please visit: **www.cathedralquarterblackburn.com**

Questions & Answers

Will the roads be re-opened ready for the Christmas shopping period?

Yes – The main road works will be either complete or the works suspended in line with the Council Christmas Embargo dates

Where will contractors park?

Some parking for construction workers is provided outside Bridge House within our car park, others will have to use surrounding town centre car parks

Will there be any noisy periods?

Noise is always kept to a minimum as part of our commitment to everyone. However you can expect increased noise levels throughout November from laying and cutting the steel floor decks and concreting works. Again, thank you for your continued patience, please give me a call if you have any concerns.

Architects Impressions of How the Completed Scheme Will Look



Code of Considerate Practice

The Considerate Constructors Scheme is the national initiative set up by the construction industry to improve its image.

Companies registered with the Scheme are monitored against a Code of Considerate Practice, designed to encourage best practice beyond statutory requirements. As associate members of the Considerate Constructors scheme we are committed to ensuring our sites comply with the following:

✓ **Care about Appearance**

Constructors should ensure sites appear professional and well managed

✓ **Respect the Community**

Constructors should give utmost consideration to their impact on neighbours and the public

✓ **Protect the Environment**

Constructors should protect and enhance the environment

✓ **Secure Everyone's Safety**

Constructors should attain the highest levels of safety performance

✓ **Value their Workforce**

Constructors should provide a supportive and caring working environment



Working in Blackburn

Eric Wright Construction have committed to using local labour and materials where possible while undertaking these works. We will be working with your local job centre to advertise any vacancies.

Site Contact Details

Our temporary site offices are located in Bridge House on Jubilee Street. The project manager is **Steve Rawlinson** and is available by prior appointment. He can be contacted via telephone on the details below:

Any thoughts, ideas, suggestions, requests or general enquiries should be directed to Steve in the first instance.

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