THURSDAY 2nd APRIL 2020

UPDATE ON NORTHGATE HOUSE REDEVELOPMENT

As with all other parts of College life, the Northgate project has been affected by the impact of the current coronavirus outbreak and we send our thoughts and best wishes out to all those affected at this time.

We have been in contact with our main contractor BAM Construction, and consultant team on a daily basis to discuss the progression of the project in light of Government advice that management of construction activities continue whenever it is possible for works to be carried out in a safe manner.

As always, it is both parties’ primary concern for the health and safety of all involved in the project. BAM paused the works on Thursday and Friday of last week to enable a thorough health and safety assessment to be undertaken and College fully supported that action.

The following is a summary of the current position:

As a result of that assessment, BAM has concluded that, given the current stage of the project, works at Northgate can continue. They have introduced consistent and robust measures in line with government guidelines – revising and updating their procedures and working practices to ensure they are protecting their workforce and minimising the risk of spread of infection.

The following is a summary of the current measures.

- Health and safety requirements will not be compromised. If an activity cannot be undertaken safely due to the lack of a suitably qualified person being available or social distancing being implemented the activity will not take place.
- Enhanced washing and sanitary facilities are in place with a continuous cleaning regime in place.
- A reduced workforce has allowed for social distancing to be fully implemented
- Travel arrangement in line with government guidelines to ensure avoidance of public transport.
- Workforce are contained within the site during working hours and are self-sufficient to reduce contact with the public.
• Revision / update of all current method statements and risk assessments of the current works and supply chain members has taken place to ensure compliance with guidelines.
• The current activities within the project are external and this aids social distancing
• The Project has a sufficient supply of materials.

We will continue to work closely with BAM to ensure that all involved in the project are working safely and that their ongoing health is prioritised.

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