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## Elms Field Re-Development

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McLaughlin & Harvey are progressing well with construction activities for the Elms Field Re-development. This is the first edition of our project Newsletters. Our aim is to keep the public informed of the project progress and to communicate our community agenda to the local community.



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### Progress Report

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Since taking control of the site on March 19 we have continued with site clearance, surveys and initial ground works. We're currently running activities from a temporary site compound to the east of Wellington Road whilst we prepare land for the main site compound which is located to the west of Elms Road.

The car parks and park have now closed and the area has been hoarded off for safety whilst construction takes place. A new pedestrian route to connect Elms Road with the Council offices at Shute End has been installed to allow safe access whilst works to deliver the new through road are carried out. We are now underway with earthworks activities, which initially consist of stripping topsoil and commencing cut and fill works on both sides of Elms Rd to allow for construction of the new road to the west of the site and new commercial units to the east. Piling works are programmed to start shortly.

We have also been in conversations with WBC Highways, Planning and utility companies to look at detailed programming of works to ensure we can minimise impact on the wider road network as much as possible. This includes carrying out work at the bottom of Denmark Street whilst existing traffic levels are significantly lower due to the current Market Place closure. Work is expected to start on May 21 and will require the closure of the lane adjacent to the site between the library and Carnival pool roundabouts. Works are expected to take around three months. During this period a one way system will be put in place with traffic able to travel northbound from the Carnival roundabout towards the car park and into Langborough Road in the direction of Easthampstead Road only.

We will be publishing more information on this, the wider programme and some key dates shortly. Keep an eye out on the Regeneration Company website for more information.

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### Community / Environmental issues

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We are aware of the potential impact on the local area and will actively work with the local community and the client – Wokingham Borough Council to ensure that appropriate and timely measures are introduced to minimise any potential disruption during the development.

Issues actively addressed will include:

- Environmental management and monitoring
- Proactive communications to ensure the local community are aware of site progress
- Traffic Management of construction traffic

All Hoardings are now erected and site secured. There will be points of contact numbers available on the site sign board for close reference. We are also working with the Council to locate some boards around the site with more information about the project and what's happening.

McLaughlin & Harvey had some recent meetings along with Wokingham Borough Council with Local Stakeholders, including local Resident's Associations, the Wokingham Society and the Town Council. We would like to thank all who attended these meetings and look forward to working with them over the coming project.

## Considerate Constructors Scheme



The site will be registered with the Considerate constructor's scheme. Various activities within the local community are being planned and will be communicated in due course.



Patrick Pritchett, The Principle of Evendons Primary School, is delighted with McLaughlin & Harvey's delivery of Elms Field logs which are now used as features at the school entrance. They also received a delivery wood chips for their landscape areas.

*This newsletter is available in Braille and in CD format. Please contact the environmental Advisor.*

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