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New Indoor Sports Centre

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Works to date...



Following completion of the bulk excavation works, substructure (foundation) works have progressed well, and are now complete to the “Central Building” and Pool Hall area; foundation works to the Sports Hall are currently progressing well.

The “passer-by” can not miss the concrete superstructure works which are also progressing to the two main staircore/lift shaft towers, with the “westerly” most tower now complete in readiness for the structural steel frame commencing w/c 3rd November 2014.

However, the passer-by will *not* be aware of the works to the pool “box” and currently the 50m pool is steadily being constructed.

Things to note...

The arrival of the “structural steel frame” will see an increase in the “size” of vehicles delivering materials to site. Whilst the site entrance will accommodate these, please be aware of articulated vehicles using Edgbaston Park Road to access the site.

Unfortunately, the current wet conditions are taking their toll on site raising our focus on cleanliness of roads both on and off site. To combat this we have increased road-sweeper attendance and jet-washing of vehicles before they leave to access the public highways.

Any Queries - Who should I contact?

Should you wish to discuss any issues, or are simply interested in the project, please do not hesitate to contact our Office Manager (Julie Sale) on 0121 472 5583 and she will be happy to assist and/or direct you to the most appropriate member of our site team.



Upcoming Works...



Whilst “*more-of-the-same*” is expected in the next month in terms of concreting works to foundations and “pool-box” construction, November will see the next milestone achieved and the commencement of the structural steel frame to the “central building”. This will continue until Christmas this year, in conjunction with the start of steel erection to the “sports hall” early December.

Perhaps less exciting to most, but below ground drainage works to both the “internal” areas of the project are due to commence in November, in conjunction with the storm water attenuation system, designed to limit the flow of surface water off the site in the completed state.



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Dear neighbours & colleagues

As construction of our new sports centre progresses well, the teams working towards the opening of the new centre have also been busy putting place the operational plans which will see the sports centre be up-and-running for students, staff and local community members in 2016.

The centre will underline the University of Birmingham's commitment to sport at all levels.

It will be a home for our many sports clubs, allowing them to train and compete at the highest level. UB Sport consistently finishes in the top three of British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) league where our sport teams compete with over 165 UK institutions.

But at Birmingham we believe sport is for all and in addition to students and student sports clubs, the new centre will cater for around 3,000 community and alumni members, as well as more casual pay as you go users, community clubs and groups. The centre will offer a wide range of programmes and classes, including a choice of up to 200 fitness and sports classes and an expanded learn to swim programme for all ages.

It will be an important centre for community health and well-being, and substantial effort has been made to ensure all facilities are as accessible as possible for those with disabilities, injuries or other specific access requirements.

In the run up to the construction of the centre being finished, you can even help to decide which sporting hero the gym will be named after in our special Name of the Game vote.

Choose your sporting hero from Paralympian swimmer Ellie Simmonds, Ironman Champion Chrissie Wellington and Test Cricketer Gladstone Small and vote for them at www.birmingham.ac.uk/notg. The website also has video messages from all three stars about why they have chosen to support the new facility.

We are holding a series of briefing sessions in the coming months for any sports centre members who would like more detailed information on the project and progress to date. The first two will take place in November and there is no need to book.

They will be held in the Munrow Sports Centre lecture theatre on Thursday November 20 from 7.30am to 9am and on Tuesday November 25 from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. Light refreshments will also be available.

Many thanks

University of Birmingham Sport

