



Summer 2022: Newsletter from the Stephen A. Schwarzman Centre for the Humanities



Dear all

We now have the early stages of our operations team in place both on the building site and in the adjacent Radcliffe Humanities building. We have been enjoying meeting our neighbours and stakeholders and look forward to meeting more of you in the coming weeks and months.

You have probably noticed an increase in activity on the site in recent weeks, and here is the main activity you can expect to see and hear on site in the coming months:

1. Construction of the project welfare and office facilities

This will be a two-storey building established in the north-west area of the project, which will be decanted at the end of construction in 2025. We will establish a reception area for all people delivering to the project and look forward to opportunities ahead to welcome and engage with you in person there.

2. Erection of the project hoardings and vehicle and pedestrian access control

These black-coloured hoardings will span the perimeter of the site, covering around 440 metres in total. Later in the year, we will adorn them with information about the Schwarzman Centre, as well as vision holes through to the site. Vehicular access and egress for the project is to the north-east corner of the scheme, via "Gate 7" off Woodstock Road. Project pedestrian & cyclist access & egress for the project delivery stage is to the north-west corner.

3. Infrastructure services diversions and management of future services connections

A core objective of this scheme is to minimise the environmental impact throughout the life-cycle of project delivery and the long-term building in use. We are proud to be focusing efforts to enable the earliest possible connection of infrastructure services and that of future connections; as an example, in the temporary works the project facilities will be connected to mains electricity, water and drainage, vastly reducing the requirements of haulage and emissions from the historical norm of large temporary diesel generators, water tankers etc. This reduces disruption to you from the very first instance, together with reducing carbon emissions, noise & vibration etc in the medium term.

We are also undertaking the services diversion works where required for the building construction, to maintain the resilience of the infrastructure service supply and to manage/conserve water during construction to statutory requirements. There will be localised pedestrian & traffic management around the ROQ in the short term and we apologise for any inconvenience caused and thank you for your understanding.

4. Site clearance and local movement of material for recycling

We will start to remove some of the material already on site, using mechanical excavation plant and HGV transportation, to begin to establish the long-term topography of the building footprint and landscaping levels. This will enable us to prepare for permanent works activity at a later stage. As part of our commitment to follow best practices in sustainable construction, we will recycle everything that we can and manage our logistics in line with the national Construction Logistics and Community Safety (CLOCS) standard and the Fleet Operators Recognition Scheme (FORS) voluntary accreditation for road haulage. Please do say hello to our Gate & Traffic Marshalls John & Ben if you are passing.

This is a high-level overview, but we will liaise with the relevant parties on the more granular detail of the above in due course. As always, please contact us at schwarzmancentre@humanities.ox.ac.uk with any general queries.