

Welcome to this month's newsletter, regarding the the construction of the Mildenhall Hub, a major national project to deliver a better school, improved leisure facilities, and integrated community and public services.

The multi-million pound project will create modern accessible services to people living in and around the town, and from the surrounding area, and includes a new school, children's centre, new leisure facilities, a health centre, facilities for Suffolk Police, West Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council, as well as a library, job centre and Citizen's Advice centre.



CONSTRUCTION RESUMES WITH NEW MEASURES IN PLACE

Construction of the Mildenhall Hub has now resumed, following a four week pause in April. During this time, R G Carter has implemented a Social Distancing Management Plan, ensuring the safety and wellbeing of staff and supply chain. Working in accordance with government guidelines, and further to thorough risk assessments being undertaken, work can now be restarted on this amazing new facility for the community. R G Carter will continue to review the situation, as government guidance is updated.

The project to date has made great progress and key areas are starting to look very close to their completed stage externally; Mildenhall Academy has its cladding and roof completed, and the Sports Hall is ready for its insulation and cladding. Mechanical and electrical work had also started throughout all Hub zones.

Construction was originally due to be completed later this year, with partners beginning to move into the building in early 2021. As soon we have more clarity on the lockdown timescales, we can better understand the effect on the schedule moving forward.

"R G Carter have made this decision after taking very careful consideration to protect the safety of the construction workers and their families. When the country comes out the other side of this crisis, we, alongside our hub partners and R G Carter, will of course be in a better position to evaluate the build programme and the dates when the various partners may be able to move into the building."

CLlr John Griffiths, Leader of West Suffolk Council





TOPPING OUT CEREMONY MARKS KEY MILESTONE IN BUILD

On Friday 6th March, prior to government social distancing guidelines and lock down, we were delighted to welcome Secretary of State for Health and Social Care and MP for West Suffolk, Matt Hancock and project partners for a topping out tree planting ceremony at the Hub.

Marking a significant phase in its construction, stakeholders gathered on the first completed roof, the new Mildenhall College Academy, for a speech. Students then later helped plant a commemorative tree outside this new multi-million pound facility, to mark this exciting occasion.

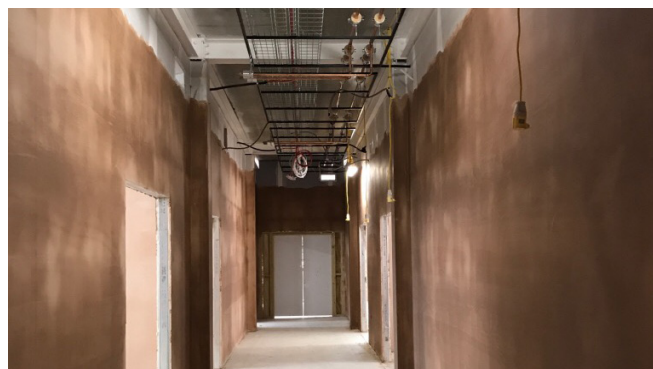


NEXT STEPS

Now we are back up and running, Mechanical and Electrical works will continue to be implemented across the entire building.

Cement boards will start to be added to the leisure centre, allowing works to commence on the insulation and cladding elements to this section. Finishing touches will be made to the roofing and windows on each of the zones, ensuring the building is watertight.

Preparations will also continue to the swimming pool area, where blockwork has been started, ahead of the pool tank (the final pool finish) being installed.



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For more information about the history of the Mildenhall Hub project go to www.mildenhallhub.info.

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