

# Chesterfield Hospital Project

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**Above:** An artist's impression of the completed project

*Dear Neighbour,*

At the beginning of last month I commented on the sunshine in March, and then we have had the wettest April on record. Hopefully this beautiful spell will stay with us.

On site the progress has been like the weather. We were making good progress on the demolition of the main building, but stopped work because we uncovered unrecorded asbestos and had to spend time removing it safely before demolition could continue.

We would like to assure you that the asbestos was discovered before it was disturbed. VINCI take asbestos very seriously and implemented our procedures to deal with it. Having sampled the air to ensure that no-one was at risk, we removed it in a fully controlled environment as required by both the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and our internal Health & Safety Inspection Team. The HSE visited site during the removal and were happy we were removing it carefully through fully licensed asbestos removal specialist contractors, whilst our internal H&S Inspection Team ensured all VINCI safety protocols were followed.

With the asbestos safely removed we have been able to re-start the demolition (whilst continuing to keep a watchful eye for any further asbestos), and look forward to a (hopefully!) sunnier month.

*Best regards,*



**Martin Cocks – Senior Project Manager**

## Considerate Contractors

### Neighbours Meeting

We recently met a number of people from the neighbourhood representing CHNA, CHIS, Clifton Traders, Bristol Council and others to discuss our works and get feedback on any issues that have arisen. We have agreed to meet every 4-6 weeks to maintain the dialogue help us address your concerns.

### Parking on Clifton Hill

We are happy to confirm that following discussions with representatives from CHNA and the Highways Department it was possible to agree a compromise to satisfy all parties with regards to the Temporary Traffic Restriction Order on Clifton Hill.

The signs will be changed on the west-bound side of Clifton Hill to only restrict parking when our operatives are arriving and leaving for work, allowing parking during the day and weekends. This will have to be reviewed to ensure safety as the project develops, but shows that we can work together to overcome contentious issues.



## Dust Monitoring

Both our staff and our neighbours' safety is always of paramount importance to us and with this in mind we have been regularly monitoring dust at site during our activities.

We are pleased to report that having also monitored dust levels away from site behind neighbouring properties, the levels on site are equivalent to those recorded away from our works.

## We're on site!

Now that we have installed our IT systems, our full Site Management Team is now based within the Villa Building. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to call into the Villa through the upper gate, or contact us on the new site telephone number – 0117 974 4300

### SITE CONTACT DETAILS

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our site team :

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## Progress Photos

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**Above (L-R):** L - Jurassic Park comes to Clifton! M – Progress on site, R – The machinery in action ‘eating’ it’s way through

### What’s Next?

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Following our delay, we are now continuing with the demolition. Sustainability is a key part of our process as a company and soon we will be crushing the demolition waste so that we can reuse as much as possible on site. Not only will this reduce waste but will decrease traffic movements removing the waste from site and therefore reduce our carbon footprint.

We are currently gearing up for the next phase of construction to begin. Our piling for the foundations and basement is due to start on 6<sup>th</sup> June with the main basement excavation a few weeks later.

### Clarification on Trees

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Charles Lucas of the Clifton Conservatives in his *In Touch with Clifton Newsletter* noted “...the tree protection zones are being erected too close to the trees...”

We would like to confirm, for the record, the tree protection was erected in consultation with an arboriculturalist and the Tree Officer at site to ensure the appropriate safeguards were in place. But as noted by CHNA the protection line of one of the fences around the Sweet Chestnut was approximately 300mm different to the original planning drawings. The fence was moved that week and is now strictly in accordance with the approved drawing.

### Putting Bristol on the World Map: Supporting the Olympic Torch relay

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With the Olympic Torch relay taking place at Clifton Suspension Bridge, VINCI Construction UK were delighted to join with Nuffield Health to support and sponsor this historic event. We, like the Olympics believe in leaving a lasting positive legacy within our community. It is fitting that we are part of the celebrations taking place on the notable Clifton Suspension Bridge designed by one of the leaders of the construction industry, Brunel, as his first major commission.

We are proud to be a part of the Bristol community, living, working and constructing within the city and we are thrilled to be asked to be part of such an occasion.

