

Capital Projects Community Update

September 2011

Queen's Road Building, Clifton

After 45 years of constant use the University made the decision to modernise this key facility by refurbishing the entire building both internally and externally. It is investing in a major project to put this building back into good repair and to make it more sustainable (aiming for a BREEAM Excellence rating) and fit for the future.

Works include enhancing its external appearance and setting, improving access and re-modelling the interiors. In addition, the proposals will focus on improving facilities for students and enhancing aspects of the building that also serve the community, such as the swimming pool.

Cowlin Construction Ltd has now been appointed as the main contractor for the first phase of works which are due to start later this month. The company has worked on a number of major schemes for the University including major refurbishment of the School of Chemistry West Block and of the biological laboratory in the School of Medical Sciences.



Concept view of the refurbished building and new entrance to Queen's Road (Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios)

Timetable and phasing of works:

The main contract will take place in two phases:

- Phase 1 involves: refurbishment of the North block, including cleaning and re-glazing, improvements to the swimming pool changing rooms, new offices for the University and, as part of the public realm improvements, a new extension/entrance on Queen's Road.
- Phase 2 mainly involves upgrading the Students Union facilities, including the Anson Rooms, Winston Theatre, café and bars, clubs and society spaces as well as the refurbishment of the South block.

Key Dates:

Start of Cowlin site set up (hoardings and temporary site accommodation) 19 September
First phase of main contract works begins 26 September
Completion of enabling works by Cabot Thermals 31 October 2011
First phase of main contract works due for completion September 2012

Current work is progressing well. The new lift installation is now complete and Cabot Thermals work on asbestos removal is due to finish by the end of October.

Measures to minimise disruption to the local area continue:

The hoist will only be used between 8.30am – 4.30pm week days only.

No more than 3-4 skips per day are expected and no skips will be delivered on a weekend. Skip deliveries will be scheduled outside of major circulation times eg school runs/rush hour. To ensure safety of all, the road will be closed for a short time whilst skips are being delivered.

Cowlin Construction is committed to the Considerate Contractor's scheme and may, from time to time, notify neighbours in adjacent streets of any specific works that might affect them.

If you have any queries relating to the works programme or require further information on the project please call AVRIL BAKER CONSULTANCY 0117 977 2002 or email info@abc-pr.co.uk