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The Newbattle Centre



Dear Resident,

This is our April Newspaper and we are issuing this to keep our neighbours and the local communities of Mayfield, Easthouses, Newtongrange and Gorebridge informed of the progress made to date and the upcoming milestone events. This project is being delivered, on behalf of Midlothian Council, by its development partner Hub South East Scotland and constructed by Morrison Construction. The Newbattle Centre will incorporate Newbattle High School and also facilities for the local communities such as a new library, 6 lane swimming pool, Tone Zone fitness room, 3G all-weather pitch and other sporting facilities.

Works to Date

For the past couple of months we have been carrying out 'ground remediation works' – making sure the soil is suitable for use. These works are now complete and this releases the site for the follow on activities to begin.

Upcoming Activities

In early May we will start on the Earthworks phase of the project. The first activity will involve stripping the top soil from the site. Some of this top soil will be stockpiled on site ready for re-use in the landscaping of the project. The rest will be removed from site.

Following the top soil strip we will start re-levelling the site to suit the final building levels. These levels have been carefully calculated to reduce, to a bare minimum, the amount of sub-soil material that will need to be removed from site. The existing subsoil will be treated to improve its qualities and to ensure it can be re-used. This re-use of materials will greatly reduce the lorry movements on the local roads, therefore reducing any inconvenience to our neighbours.

As part of these improvement works, stone will be imported to site and spread over the footprint of the building and the hard landscaped areas. This will change the feeling of the site greatly and hopefully provide you with a sense of the building positioning and scale.

Excavations and foundation works are planned to begin in the summer.

Important Milestones in Construction

Work starts on site:	February 2016
Earthworks Start:	May 2016
Superstructure (steelwork) starts:	Autumn 2016
Completion:	Spring/Summer 2018

Hours of Work

The site will be in use from 7.30am to 6pm Monday to Friday.

Site Safety

We aim to ensure that the construction work does not cause undue disturbance or inconvenience to the local community and we will take the utmost care to keep members of the community safe from hazards.

Building sites are dangerous places for children and should not be entered. To inform local children of the dangers, we have already carried out Health and Safety Presentations to the pupils of the High School and some of the feeder primary schools. We would ask local residents to reinforce safety messages to children in their care.

The site is already fully fenced off and we have kept a clear public footpath to provide safe access to Mayfield from the existing school.

The site entrance is located on the B6482 as shown, and in order to ensure the safety of all, the speed limit on the road next to the site entrance has been reduced to 30 mph.

Keeping you informed

We aim to keep the local communities informed of the progress of works and upcoming activities by means of regular newsletters similar to this.

Our site will be registered through the *Considerate Constructors Scheme*. Details of this can be viewed on their web site - www.ccscheme.org.uk or by scanning the code to the right.



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