



March 2016

## The Newbattle Centre



*Installation of Timber Cladding to Teaching Block*

Dear Resident,

This is our March Newsletter 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. Community facilities will be open the same hours as the Lasswade Centre, including during the school day.

### **Works to Date**

As the project continues to take shape, residents will be able to see the steel frame of the link building between the Teaching and Sports Block. This Link Building will act as the entrance hall and will contain a library and internet café.

The Teaching Block: Cladding continues to be installed around the Teaching Block which incorporates a timber effect to the North and South of the building. Window installation continues along the elevations and facing brickwork will wrap around the bottom of the building. Internal partitions are also ongoing with Mechanical and Electrical Services being brought through the corridors and classrooms. These classrooms will contain interactive boards to be used as teaching aids.

Sports Block: Ground floor slab preparations are continuing throughout the building and the frame continues to be installed above the swimming pool. Roofing works are also ongoing and all pre-cast concrete stairs have been installed. The shallow end of the swimming pool has been formed with the walls still to be cast.

### **Upcoming Activities**

The Teaching Block internal works will accelerate throughout the building where Mechanical and Electrical services will continue to be installed. Partitions will be erected into the South of the building. Roofing build up will be complete to provide a weather tight seal to the building. Residents will be able to see window installation on the south elevation of the building.

In the Sports Block, preparation of the lower ground floor is continuing and decking and concreting will begin on the ground floor. This Ground Floor contains a gym overlooking Midlothian and the Pentland Hills. Furthermore, preparation of the link building slab has begun. Brickwork and blockwork will begin to be installed throughout the Sports Block.



### **Community Engagement**

Morrison Construction strive to work with the community to accommodate in any way we can. This includes job creation and engagement with local businesses. SCS Cleaning Services are local business operating in Bonnyrigg and will work for Morrison for the duration of the project.

### **Scottish Apprenticeship Week**

As Scotland celebrates the benefits of modern apprenticeships this month, we are proud to employ a number



of apprentices on site. This includes Callum Murphy who is working for Castle Decorators, our subcontractor on site. We are also speaking to Newbattle High School senior staff regarding possible opportunities for local young people in the field of Mechanical and Electrical apprenticeship with our subcontractors.

### **Important Milestones in Construction**

**Completion of Roofing:** Spring 2017  
**Completion:** Spring 2018

### **Hours of Work**

The site will be generally in use from 7.30am to 6pm Monday to Friday. To maintain the works programme, Saturday working may be required. Evening work may be required on an occasional basis to vital items. We will always endeavour to keep these occasions to a minimum and disturbance also to a minimum.

**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 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 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.

**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](http://www.ccscheme.org.uk) or by scanning the code to the right.



**Contacts and Feedback**

Should you have any queries, comments or feedback please feel free to contact the Construction Team or the Project Team as noted below. Alternatively please fill out the form below and drop this in to site office or post to the address noted.



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