

PEDDIMORE: COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



SPRING 2023

We've been making considerable progress across the Peddimore site over the past few months and work is now underway on the internal fit out of the first building. In this edition of our newsletter you can read about the latest on construction, including some of the work that's been carried out off-site.

You can also find out about some of the stories from our workforce, as well as how we've been working with local

organisations to support projects and initiatives happening around the site.

Thank you for bearing with us during the construction phase – please be assured our teams are working as quickly and as safely as possible and aiming to minimise disruption wherever they can.

If you would like to get in touch with us or have a question about any aspect of the development, full contact details are provided on the back page of this newsletter.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Our appointed contractor, Winvic, has continued to make good progress across the Peddimore site. Most of the internal infrastructure, including the internal spine roads, footpaths, and a new footbridge over the A38 were completed last year.

Lots has also been achieved on the landscaping, with the realigned Peddimore brook installed in place and new ponds being created. Planting has gone in at the entrance to the site and several of the hedgerows have been planted along with many of the specimen trees, with more ongoing every day.

WELCOMING AMAZON

In January, Amazon was confirmed as the first occupier for Peddimore. Unit B has been designed to meet the company's specific requirements. Once completed it will become a new state of the art fulfilment centre that will be amongst the most advanced workplaces of its kind in the world, which will support in excess of 1,000 jobs when fully operational.

Construction of the building over the past few months has continued at pace, and the exterior walls and cladding was completed earlier this year. The focus of activity has now switched to the inside of the building where work has recently got underway on the internal fit out.

UTILITY WORKS

Separate to work on site, contractors Matrix Networks and Fulcrum have been carrying out a programme of utility works to install new electricity infrastructure, and water and gas mains respectively. These works have been phased to ensure their impacts are localised and temporary.

We understand that any work in the highway can be frustrating, and would like to thank local residents for their patience during these essential works. Further information about the works can be found on the project website: www.impeddimore.co.uk/construction/utility-works

HIGHWAYS UPDATE

A38 site access roundabout

The site access roundabout on the A38 is now expected to be completed this summer. This has been delayed due to factors beyond our control while we waited for four sets of telecommunications utilities to be diverted.

While waiting for the final telecommunications provider to complete its work, Winvic made good progress on other works in the area to mitigate disruption and the amount of traffic management required during the final phase of the works.

Lane closures are in place on the A38 to facilitate the safe completion of the final phase of these works.

During this time, at least one lane on the roundabout, and north and southbound carriageways will remain open at all times.

Once complete, the roundabout will serve as the access point to the site for all vehicles.



DELIVERING LOCAL EMPLOYMENT

With our first occupier identified, we're looking ahead to the occupational phase of development at Peddimore and working with a range of local agencies and stakeholders to finalise our Operational Local Employment Strategy. This strategy forms part of our commitment to maximising the local employment opportunities available when the site becomes operational. Keep an eye out for more information on this strategy in the coming months.

MANAGING ON SITE LIGHTING

Winvic has been working with Birmingham City Council's Environmental Health Officer (EHO) following a number of questions being raised locally about lighting from the site. The team has taken a number of measures to manage the light being emitted, while ensuring that security and health and safety of the workforce are not impacted.

This has included repositioning and angling down the external lights in line with the EHO's recommendations, beginning the process of removing some of the temporary external tower lights, and shifting the security lighting on Winvic's offices to point away from Lindridge Drive.

These actions will help to inform the next phase of activity now underway that is being managed by Amazon's team and contractors for the internal fit out, which will include the installation of internal blinds.



West Midlands Mayor, Andy Street (middle), visits Peddimore to meet the team and check in on the progress of the first building

SUPPORTING WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION

Women currently make up around 14 per cent of construction industry professionals but this number is only set to rise as misperceptions and stereotypes are broken, with more and more women choosing jobs in construction and engineering.

Josie Tildesley, a cable puller working for subcontractors Electric Distribution Centre (EDS) at Peddimore, is excelling in her career.

Josie enjoys her role and the benefits it brings. She lives close to the site and enjoys the short commute, but is looking forward to the potential future travel opportunities her work might bring. Josie explained how she began working as a hairdresser when she left school, but quickly realised it wasn't for her.

She began her job building an understanding about EDS' operations, and soon progressed to working on a construction with her colleagues helping her to build a technical skillset. Asked about what she would advice she would give to other women thinking about a career in construction, she said:

"Do it! It's the best thing I ever did, most days go so quickly and are such great fun. I meet different people on site all the time and my strength and technical skillsets grow each day, plus the salary is better than all my friends at 21!"



DISCOVERING MORE THAN A CONSTRUCTION CAREER

Winvic teamed up with a local Brownie group last autumn for a special archaeology workshop, introducing young girls to the vast range of potential career opportunities in construction.

The team welcomed 24 girls and the leaders of the 40th Sutton Coldfield Brownie unit to Forge Farm allotments next to the site to take part in their very own archaeological dig.

The session helped to show the key role an archaeologist plays at the planning stage of projects, and used some of the findings from surveys carried out at Peddimore.

Following a history lesson and a talk about how the Peddimore site was checked for unexploded WWII bombs, the girls then had a go at some digging of their own in two pre-prepared trenches. All of the participants left full of enthusiasm and of course with a new Brownie badge!



WORKING IN THE COMMUNITY

Since the start of the project, IM Properties has been working with local organisations and communities to create opportunities and deliver economic and social benefits. To date in partnership with our supply chain, our programme of social value has seen us:

- Support **16 students** on the Building Birmingham Scholarship scheme
- In construction, provide **9,476 weeks of employment and training** on-site to 758 different individuals
- Spend **over £312k** with social enterprises, with 46% of our project spend going to SMEs
- Donate **2,082 hours** of voluntary time between IMP and its supply chain to local schools and organisations
- Support **15 schools** through a range of activities including mock interviews and careers days



Building Birmingham Scholarship celebration event 2022

PEDDIMORE COMMUNITY FUND

The Peddimore Community Fund, managed by the charity Heart of England Community Foundation, is designed to deliver a positive impact to local communities near the scheme, donating time, money, and resources in partnership with IMP's supply chain.

In the past few months funding has been provided to:

- **Erdington Cricket Club**, run by a committee of volunteers who act as groundsman, coaches and co-ordinators and regularly attracts 50 young people to its free, weekly sessions

– aimed at getting under 18's off the street and onto the pitch to positively impact their lives.

- **Mubu music** for its 'Live at the Lodge' project, which encourages people of all ages in Falcon Lodge to enjoy free weekly music tuition – including learning to play a range of instruments from drums, keyboard, guitar and ukulele to also singing as part of a choir.
- **Ward End Community Allotment**, to support the purchase of a new greenhouse and equipment as part of the scheme that is providing positive early intervention to engage young people in a safe and secure environment in the Alum Rock area.

APPLY FOR FUNDING

Do you know of any community projects, local organisations or charities that could benefit from additional funding? We are looking to support local projects with grants of up to £2,000 per application.

For further information on how to apply for grants from the Peddimore Community Fund visit www.heartofenglandcf.co.uk/peddimore-community-fund or call **024 7688 3297**.

GET IN TOUCH

If you have any questions about construction related activity or queries about anything you have seen on site, you can contact the team directly by emailing the site team at peddimore@winvic.co.uk or calling **01604 678960**.

For any other questions about the project, including about the Community Fund, you can email us on info@impeddimore.co.uk

For more information about the project, please visit our website: www.impeddimore.co.uk