

Life Sciences Building Update

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Work on the construction of the Life Sciences building, the purpose-built laboratory, office and teaching space primarily for staff and students from the Schools of Biological Sciences and Medicine, is progressing well behind the blue and red hoarding. "Windows" have been cut into the hoarding to allow passers-by to keep an eye on progress. The piling works have recently been completed and the piling rig has now been replaced by the first of the two tower cranes that will be involved in the construction of the foundations and concrete basement. The second tower crane will arrive on site at the beginning of November.

The new strap-line for the Life Sciences building, *Bringing Science to Life, Creating space for challenging minds*, is now visible from University Road.



The University requires all its contractors to be members of the Considerate Constructors scheme, and our contractor has been a member of the scheme for several years. The Considerate Constructors Scheme is a voluntary code of practice that seeks to improve the image of the construction industry. Members are committed to being a good neighbour, clean, respectful, safe, environmentally conscious, responsible and accountable. Information posters will be displayed on the site hoardings and the site will be subject to visits from the scheme's inspectors to ensure that it is complying with the code of practice.

Please remember that construction sites can be dangerous. Our contractor's top priority is not only the health and safety of those working on the site but also that of University staff, students and the public whilst on campus. Please assist in this approach by ensuring that you do not come on to the site itself. Site visitors must always report to the site office.



Site for the Life Sciences building before enabling works commenced in February 2008

Programme/Timescales

Life Sciences building plans approved:

University Council met in September 2007 to review proposals for the development of the University's estate to reflect its ambitions as a world-class university of the 21st Century. This included the plans for a Life Sciences building. The detailed planning application for the building was submitted to Southampton City Council in March 2008 and approved on 27th May 2008.

Enabling works : these began in February 2008 to prepare the site ahead of the construction of the building, and were completed by the end of June.

Construction : the construction began on July 7th and is progressing well.

Completion : it is planned that the Life Sciences building will be completed and ready for occupation in the summer of 2010.



The first of the two tower cranes is installed on site

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