

Didsbury High School Construction Site Newsletter

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Welcome to our newsletter, which aims to keep you up to date with what is happening on our site.

What we are building

A new secondary school, sports hall and associated external facilities to provide much needed additional school places for local residents.

The school, which includes a 6th Form, will open in September 2019. This is a free school, funded directly by the Department for Education, and operated by an approved provider, the Laurus Trust.

Recent progress

The design of the new schools has developed over the past six months and gained planning approval in March 2018. In developing the design proposals we carefully considered comments received from the public consultation events and online survey, and have addressed these wherever possible.

For example, the site masterplan was changed during the planning process in response to residents' concerns over the loss of natural habitat space and to reduce the number of mature trees being removed.

What's next?

Site clearance of trees and vegetation commenced along the Princess Road side of the site where the building will be positioned. Next we will be installing our temporary site offices and welfare facilities. Construction work starts during week commencing 21st May 2018 with the following activities:

- Protection around retained trees
- Installation of fencing to demarcate retained habitat areas
- Archaeological trial excavations
- Site boundary fencing and hoarding
- Earthworks to form the piling mat and carpark
- Drainage

Deliveries will be via The Avenue and parking for all construction related vehicles will be accommodated on the site. This will help to minimise disruption in the surrounding area. Full time security cover will also be in place.



The site team

Construction Director: Ged Flanagan

Construction Manager: Ian Greener

Site Manager: Dave Bolderston

Senior Project Surveyor: Amir Eltaief

Project Planner: Tariq Amin

Design Manager: Lee Parker

Building Services Manager: James Thrall

Our partners

Client: The Laurus Trust

Free School Operator: The Laurus Trust

Technical Advisor: Mace

Architect: Pozzoni

Structural Engineer: Ramboll

Environmental Services Consultant: Ramboll

Ecology Consultant: TEP

Landscape Architect: Dally Henderson

Environment and community

BAM is committed to helping the environment and community. This includes reducing our carbon emissions, recycling, and wherever possible diverting waste from landfill. The site, design and construction works are overseen by specialist ecology and archaeology consultants.

It is important to BAM to make a positive impact on the local communities in which we work. As much as possible we'll use local subcontractors and suppliers, and offer employment and training opportunities to local people. We'll work closely with the Laurus Trust to support other local schools and organisations to give young people from the local area a taste of careers in construction and improve their employability through site visits, educational sessions and work experience. We'll also be working very closely with future students and staff to engage them in the development of their new school, and to maximise construction of the project as a valuable learning opportunity.



About the Laurus Trust

The Laurus Trust is a multi-academy trust with Cheadle Hulme High School (CHHS), the founder school, at its centre. CHHS is a hugely oversubscribed academy school with a reputation for outstanding teaching and learning and a determination to ensure that every child succeeds. CHHS is the leading secondary school in Stockport and in the top 3% of all schools nationally based on 2017 Progress 8 results. In 2015 and 2011, CHHS was judged Outstanding by Ofsted in every category.

The Trust is opening this school with the full support of Manchester City Council, in order to provide much needed additional secondary school places for children currently in year 5 and below in Didsbury primary schools.

The Laurus Trust also operates an Ofsted Outstanding teacher training centre and supports a number of other schools through its Teaching School.

Please help us with safety

Construction sites can be dangerous. At BAM our top priority is the health and safety of everyone who works on our sites, the public and the local community affected by our work. If you need to contact us, please ring us or call the site office but do not enter the site construction zone. Please make any children in your care aware that our building site is not a playground and that they must not enter the site. Thank you for your co-operation.

Considerate Constructors

All BAM sites register with the Considerate Constructors Scheme. This means we are committed to being a good neighbour and to being clean, respectful, safe, environmentally conscious, responsible and accountable. Our site will be independently inspected to make sure we live up to these aims.

We will try to work in a way that causes as little inconvenience as possible to our neighbours, and apologise for any unavoidable nuisance that may be caused during the work. Please get in touch if you have any concerns and we'll do what we can to address them.

About BAM

BAM Construction is part of BAM Construct UK which is one of the country's largest construction services organisations with a turnover of more than £900 million. We operate throughout England, Scotland and Wales. Our European parent company is Royal BAM Group which employs over 25,000 people worldwide and has a turnover of €7billion.

The team building this school project is made up of local people living across the North West and our regional office is in Salford. BAM have successfully delivered many school projects across the country over the last 5 years, and recent experiences in the region include the delivery of Kearsley Academy, MediaCity UTC and Crewe UTC. BAM are currently building three new schools for the Laurus Trust, namely Cheadle Hulme Secondary School, Didsbury High School and Laurus Ryecroft.