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The CBR Newsletter

Dear Colleagues,

This newsletter provides an update on the School's major campus redevelopment project; the Centre Buildings Redevelopment Project

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Centre Buildings Redevelopment Newsletter - 7 weeks to go

Seven weeks until Houghton Street closes!

This update provides information on the forthcoming activities affecting staff and students as the Centre Buildings Redevelopment gathers increasing momentum.

In seven weeks' time from 15 June, the pedestrian route through Houghton Street and Clare Market will be closed as the demolition contractor starts taking possession of the site by erecting hoardings and the visual building wraps to complete these before the graduation ceremonies. Noisy works will be strictly controlled and the actual demolition process will not start until after the end of term as this is still exam time.

Further details on the Centre Buildings Redevelopment are provided below.

Planning Permission Granted

Westminster City Council resolved to grant planning permission on 17 March 2015 for the Centre Buildings redevelopment; the largest project in the School's 120 year history. This decision was ratified by the Greater London Authority on 8 April 2015.

Director of Estates Julian Robinson said: *"This is a major milestone in our ambitious programme of improving facilities and accommodation at LSE. We are a world class university and the Centre Buildings Redevelopment will provide a new building and public spaces which will reflect this. Its sustainable design will complement and enhance our surroundings while still being uniquely identifiable as LSE."*

Installing secondary glazing to buildings adjoining the CBR site

The School has confirmed the extent of secondary glazing to the buildings adjacent to the CBR site. Contractor Vinci have been appointed to carry out the works to the buildings and elevations in the table below, also see the [map](#) on the CBR website.

In some rooms the existing secondary glazing may require adjustment to make sure it's fully effective and the contractors will also attend to this. The departments affected are being contacted separately about their individual programmes of works.

Where buildings already benefit from secondary glazing, no further noise mitigation measures will be provided as the necessary prevention is already in place.

Secondary glazing		
Which Building	Which Elevation	Draft Timescale
St Clements	Clare Market	27/04/15 – 15/05/15
Old Building	Houghton Street and the section at the junction of Clare Market	18/05/15 – 05/06/15
Columbia House	Houghton Street and New Inn Passage	08/06/15 – 12/06/15
Connaught House	Houghton Street	15/06/15 – 19/06/15
Cowdray House	Rear elevation facing the Plaza Café	22/06/15 – 26/06/15
Aldwych House	Third floor facing back of East Building	tbc

Yours sincerely

Director of Capital Development

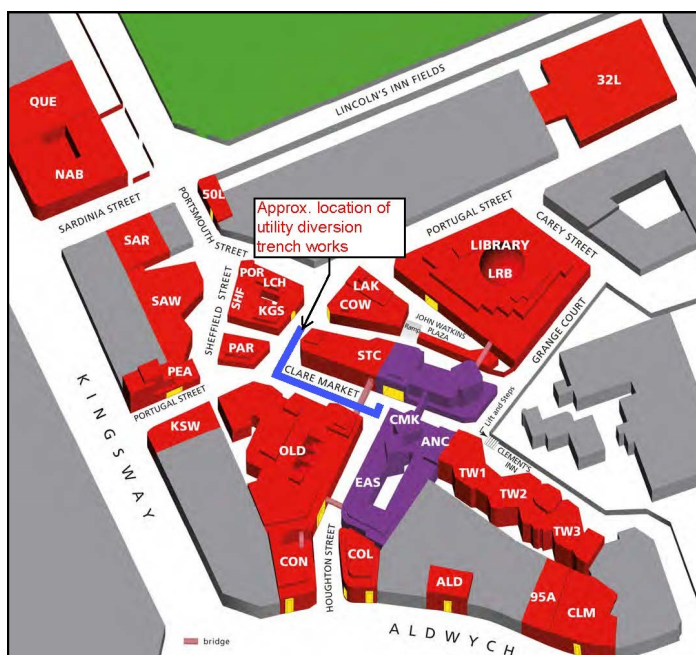


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Utilities Diversions start in Clare Market on 5 May

Starting on 5th May until early June 2015, our contractors will be working in Clare Market outside St Clements and the Old Building. In order to divert utilities in the road the contractor will be digging a trench along Clare Market and along a section of Portugal Street up to the junction with St Clements Lane, see [map](#) (and on web site) for trench location. The trench will be fenced off and an acoustic protection will be provided around it to limit local impact and ensure safety while still retaining pedestrian access through the campus. We are negotiating with Westminster City Council on the hours of work to carry out the noisiest operations between 17.00 – 22.00 with only hand digging during the day.

Following the diversion of utilities, Clare Market will be widened so that construction traffic can enter the CBR site while still retaining safe access for pedestrians into the Old Building. The steps outside the Old Building will be removed together with the Baby Tembo sculpture in early June 2015. The Penguin outside Waterstones Bookshop will also have to be moved. We are working with the Students Union to identify suitable temporary locations for the animals but they will both disappear for a while before being rehomed.



Access to Old Building

During the CBR works Houghton Street will be closed just beyond the Old Building entrance into Student Services. The pedestrian access [map](#) on the web site shows how this closure will affect the campus.

We are planning to improve the entrance into Student Services to improve the flow of pedestrians so this isn't a pinch point during busy times. We will also improve the signage on the ground floor of Old Building to route staff and students away from Student Services if they are travelling between Clare Market and the Aldwych end of Houghton Street. These works will be completed before Graduation Week.

Cantillon selected as demolition contractor

Delivering the Centre Buildings project is a major undertaking and requires the best contractors with the necessary expertise and attitude. We have divided the work into two phases: firstly demolition of the existing buildings and then construction of the new building. In order to obtain best value for the School, both phases are competitively tendered.

Works are due to start for site set up on 15th June (closing Houghton Street and part of Clare Market) with the initial demolition of the old Three Tuns and severing St Clements East from West starting from 6th July onwards. The main demolition process is due to commence in September 2015 once scaffolding and hoardings are complete.

The School has recently awarded Cantillon the contract demolition following a rigorous evaluation of price and quality of all the tender submissions. Cantillon is one of the UK's leading demolition contractors with an enviable reputation for efficiently and safely delivering projects with considerate behaviour to all stakeholders and an awareness of environmental impacts. See more about them on their web site <http://www.cantillon.co.uk/>

We appreciate that staff and students will understandably be concerned about the demolition process, especially in light of the recent incident at New Court in Carey Street. Cantillon have recently been awarded a Gold Medal by RoSPA (The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents). RoSPA Gold Award winners have achieved a very high level of performance, demonstrating well developed occupational health and safety management systems and culture, outstanding control of risk and very low levels of error, harm and loss. Cantillon have been awarded seven Gold Medals to-date and are the only demolition contractor to have received this number of awards consecutively, confirming the company is at the top of its game. Cantillon will be providing information on their approach to the Centre Buildings and this will be on the web site soon.

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