# Special notice Construction works during the coronavirus pandemic

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#### English

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Dear neighbours,

We wanted to update you on Mace's current actions regarding coronavirus. The COVID 19 virus has brought changes to our projects and the ways in which we operate. To mitigate the impact which the virus has on us and our neighbours, we have implemented a number of measures relating to various aspects of the live project including people movement, hygiene and working practices.

In the week of March 23rd Mace introduced a temporary suspension of site works across all of our construction projects in the UK. Since site shutdown, the project team have reassessed the risk and mitigation measures required, identifying vulnerable areas and activities where people meet and gather, and implemented additional measures to distance individuals.

We are now confident that our construction work can continue safely in line with Government guidance. We started back on site on the 14<sup>th</sup> April with a reduced workforce initially, which will slowly increase to approximately 90 operatives initially. In terms of site works, our current priority is progression of critical works on the concrete frame, but we will start to bring other trades on a gradual reduced resource basis.

- Phased start and finish times and breaks will be adopted to ensure a reduced flow through the site entrance and welfare facilities.
- The site has been set up to operate under the new government guidelines including one-way systems and use of 2m social distance markers.

Some of the Mace team will continue to work from home, with design and administration related activities progressing remotely. Mace management resources are aligned to the number of operatives on site to reduce the risk to individuals.

We are continuously reviewing our operations to ensure that they can be carried out in line with Government guidelines. Our primary concern is always the health, safety and wellbeing of our colleagues, the people that work on our construction sites and our neighbouring community.

- All operatives returning to work will be required to complete a simple health questionnaire to establish that none have shown or are showing the recognised COVID 19 symptoms.
- Risk assessments have been reviewed in line with latest government guidance

This is a very difficult time for everyone and we are conscious that many people will be struggling with the uncertainty and stress arising from the ever-changing situation. We want to assure you we are doing everything we can to keep our people and neighbours safe in the face of these challenges, including use of 24 hour monitored CCTV security and presence of the Mace team.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us on the number above at any time.

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