



Bi-Monthly Melbourn Parish Council Progress Update – Project Birchwood

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Progress Update

SDC have completed our infrastructure and enabling works within the Melbourn Science Park and the trees are beginning to take despite the challenging windy and warm conditions!

We have begun the site remediation and clearance works to make way for the construction of the building foundations, due to commence imminently. Our focus is on the construction of the large Hive building in the centre of the scheme as it will take much of our focus over the forthcoming years!

We have begun the construction of a full-scale mock up of the corner of the Hive building (pictured overleaf). This important installation allows us to test design ideas and construction principles to ensure that the final product comes together nicely – it is our little prototype!

Looking forward over the forthcoming months, we will be completing all ground remediation and site clearance to make way for a larger site set up, accommodating more staff, to deliver the façade and internals for the buildings. For now, most of our efforts will be focussed on the construction of the frame and groundworks for the buildings predominantly using machines!

Neighbourly Relations

We are not aware of any complaints or concerns raised by the neighbours to this point. Please do not hesitate to pass any feedback on to me on the details provided overleaf should concerns be raised.

We have devised a letter, which has also been circulated to key stakeholders, which will be distributed to our immediate neighbours. A copy of this letter is included in this report – please feel free to distribute this wider.

As previously confirmed, we are keen to participate in local initiatives. Please do inform us if there is anything we can assist with.

Thank You,

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Photo Record:



Figure 1 – Clearance and construction of The Hive building sub base



Figure 2 - Concrete columns - mock up 'prototype'

The Owner / Occupier

Notice of works starting on Land North of Melbourn Science Park (Project Birchwood)

We write to advise you that SDC Builders has been appointed by Melbourn Science Park (MSP) to construct their new facility located to the north of the park. The scheme will comprise the preparation of the existing site, construction of three new buildings, as well as extensive landscaping and tree-planting. The works are taking place between Spring 2021 and Winter 2022. During this period SDC will make every effort to work closely with the local community and neighbouring business to ensure disruption is kept to minimum.

All construction activities will be conducted in accordance with the conditions outlined in the planning permission which has been granted for the scheme. Construction traffic will use Cambridge Road to access and egress the Science Park from the Frog End junction of the A10 to avoid congestion within Melbourn village centre.

SDC wish to provide a positive contribution to the local area and as part of our continued commitment as considerate contractors we welcome suggestions for initiatives and opportunities to participate positively in your community. We have therefore set up a project email address, where any queries or requests for information can be directed. Throughout the course of the project we will provide progress information through community communication channels.

Finally, we wish to assure you of our best intentions to deliver this project in a respectful and efficient manner. We thank you for your understanding and look forward to engaging in your community over the forthcoming years.

Yours Faithfully,

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