

Spring 2022:

Newsletter from the Stephen A. Schwarzman Centre for the Humanities



Dear all,

We wanted to take the opportunity to keep you informed on the progress of mobilisation of the enabling works for the new Humanities building project.

We are honoured to introduce ourselves as the Laing O'Rourke team appointed to deliver the project; a team that has delivered multiple projects at the ROQ and the local area with you. The team has a blend of long-standing people together with new people to ensure the necessary knowledge and experience to deliver such a wonderful building for Oxford, the public and the end users. We look forward to opportunities to meet with you more personally, at stages through the scheme ahead.

Our aim over the next six months is to deliver all the preparatory operations on the ROQ site to enable the safe & sustainable delivery of the permanent works activity, which will begin in earnest in towards the end of the year. This email is to update you on works in the coming few weeks ahead, which include:

- Establishing Noise Vibration & Dust monitoring
- Dilapidation surveys
- Establishment of Ordnance Survey geographical control points, for the technical setting out of the building location
- Temporary welfare for the enabling works workforce, to enable creation of the main project welfare and offices
- Preparation for infrastructure services diversions & trial pits

Below is a copy of the visual summary of the enabling works that we have been discussing with the various stakeholders, and we would like to take opportunity to thank all for your valued input into the development of the respective plans. You will see a growing presence of operations over the coming weeks and months, as we progressively launch the scheme.

We will provide a follow up in the coming weeks of the next tranche of enabling works operations. We will continue to communicate with you with relevant updates until the main works begin, then we will settle into a more regular pattern of communication including a newsletter. Should you have any general queries, please contact us at <u>schwarzmancentre@humanities.ox.ac.uk</u> and we will endeavour to address any queries in subsequent communications.