Welcome to the third issue of City, University of London’s estate development newsletter – a brief update on current and future building work.

SEBASTIAN STREET UPDATE

Clearance of structures on the development site is well under way and some significant buildings have now been entirely demolished (Health Centre and Parkes). The remainder of the site clearance programme is now largely focussed on the removal of debris, stabilisation of the structures which will form part of our proposed development and work on improving the electrical infrastructure. Site clearance and preparation is due for completion in April 2017.

We have now appointed a lead contractor for the construction phase of works. We hope to confirm the full construction programme in May 2017, after we formally seek approval from the University’s governing council.

CONTACTS

You’re very welcome to contact us with any questions you might have regarding building work.

During normal office hours (08:00 – 18:00) please contact Matt Shipton on 020 7040 3150 or email matthew.shipton.1@city.ac.uk.

Outside these hours, if you need to speak to someone urgently about any estate-related issue please call the 24hr Security line on 020 7040 8047.

KEY SPRING DATES

June 2017
Sebastian Street construction scheduled to begin, TBC.

MEETING DATES

Bi-annual Citybar Licencing meeting
Tuesday 27th June 2017

Bi-annual residents’ forum
June 2017, TBC
The Sebastian Street site has been long occupied and sits alongside what has always been a major route into London, or Roman Londinium. While archaeological surveys didn’t uncover any artefacts of note before we began demolition, our research did require us to look at the cartographical record. Here are three maps of the site from different historical periods.

The first phases of our Tait Student Amenity Project are complete and as a result we have now fully opened a new entrance to our buildings on Goswell Road. This route through Tait allows access into the heart of the University from the east and should take some pressure off our Northampton Square entrance. We have also opened a new café for staff and students and brought into life an internal courtyard.

We plan to carry out further improvement works in our Drysdale Building this summer. The existing teaching space, consisting of PC labs, is quite tired and is not optimally configured. Over four months we will refurbish the whole of the ground floor, introducing a new mezzanine level and direct external access to the ground floor.

We hold twice yearly meetings with our neighbours to discuss the latest news as well as the management of University premises and local issues for which the University and our neighbours are stakeholders. Upcoming meetings are listed on the front of this letter. We will write to you again to let you know future dates and times.