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Dear Neighbour

RE: Construction of Baskerville School

Welcome to our newsletter for the construction of Baskerville School. We plan to write to you periodically to give you an update on what has been happening and what we have planned.

Our aim is to carry out our works whilst creating as little nuisance as possible to you. We hope you have not been too inconvenienced so far, but please do feel free to contact us via greg.jones@tilburydouglas.co.uk and we will get back to you as quickly as possible.

Since our last newsletter, you may have seen some key changes on site. We have now completed the main substructure works to the building, which included installing 141 piles into the ground, as well as the construction of ground beams and drainage throughout the building. The ground beams create the base for the steel frame and the ground floor slab to sit on.

It has been exciting to begin work on the steel frame of the building. This marks a key milestone for us, and you can now really start to see the shape and layout of the new building taking form. Currently, the steel frame is approximately 30% complete. In addition, the precast concrete lift shaft has now been installed, with two staircases due to follow in the coming weeks.

The frame will consist of approximately 186 tonnes of structural steel, erected using a mobile crane. As the crane lifts the steel sections into position, they will be bolted together by steel erectors working from MEWPs (Mobile Elevated Working Platforms). This ensures a safe and efficient sequence of works.

Following completion of the steel frame, we will start to install the ground and first floor concrete slabs. When we carry out the concrete pours, it is necessary for the concrete to be 'power floated' as it cures and hardens to provide a suitable finish for the final floor covering. Unfortunately, these works are likely to continue into the night on some occasions, as it takes many hours for the concrete to harden sufficiently and it is not possible to leave the finishing works until the following day. We expect that this will be required on around five occasions. We will communicate these works with you in advance and aim to minimise noise and artificial lighting as much as possible.

You may notice an increase in local traffic as works continue. All staff, operatives and suppliers are required to travel and park in a considerate manner. If you encounter any issues, please let us know and we will address them.

As part of Tilbury Douglas's ongoing Environmental, Social and Governance commitments, we continue to support opportunities for young people and the local community. During March and April, we welcomed a work experience student to site for three days, each week.

We also hosted four 'Open Doors' visits for local schools and colleges, providing students with an opportunity to visit the site and gain an insight into careers in the construction industry.

Finally, we would respectfully request that you advise children of the dangers of entering construction sites, particularly with respect to deep excavations and falls from height.

Please be assured that we will keep the area securely fenced at all times.

May we take this opportunity to apologise for any disruption that may occur; and that if you do have any queries, please contact the undersigned at;

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Yours faithfully,

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