

Locks Heath Free Church

Neighbour News

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This is the first of our Neighbour News aiming to keep our neighbours informed about the significant building work happening on our church's field and our present building.

Background

For many years Locks Heath Free Church has welcomed large numbers of people through our doors - on a Sunday and throughout the week. We are delighted by this, however our building and car park have struggled to accommodate everyone who wishes to be part of the church community and the activities that we provide.

In 2010 the church purchased land next to the present building in order to build a larger and more flexible facility. This facility would better accommodate all that already happens in the church, but also provide more space for community activities, a café and a more extensive car park.

Plans were drawn up, planning permission achieved and a load of fund raising was pursued (and still is!). However we are now in a position to start building.

The Present

The church has appointed a local construction company called Amiri Construction. They have extensive experience in building churches, schools and community buildings situated in residential areas and therefore are very mindful of the impact and disruption such a construction site can have on a neighbourhood. They are committed to applying all of their considerable experience in minimising disruption.

The entire project is expected to take between 16-18 months. We truly wish the work could be completed quicker, however this is the usual length of construction time for a building project of this size. (Sadly no DIY SOS 9 day turn around!)

Some definite assurances:

- Building work on site will generally only happen Monday to Friday.
- On-site work will be restricted between the hours of 8:00am and 6:00pm Monday to Friday.

- If Saturday works are required then it will only be between the hours of 8am and 1pm.
- At the work site entrance will be a notification board listing what will be happening on-site during the following few weeks.
- There will also be a site manager on site throughout the project.

During this building project we will aim to keep you updated. If questions or issues arise concerning the building project, please do not hesitate in contacting either the church directly or the Amiri site manager - and we will endeavour to help however we can.

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The next few weeks

Building work is due to start shortly - the site is being secured ready for the arrival of the site office and initial equipment the week of the 2nd July and then building work will begin the week of the 9th July.

The first building phase will involve digging foundations, removing excess soil, then laying foundations ready for the steel framework to be set in place.

And finally a word from the builders...

“As a considerate and responsible company Amiri Construction care about their impact on the local environment and would like to reassure the local community that measures will be implemented to minimise disruption to the residents.”