

Newcombe House

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Dear Resident/Neighbour

We are Midgard City part of JRL Group, the appointed demolition and construction company who will be working on the redevelopment of the Newcombe House site.

This is the first of a series of regular community newsletters that aim to keep you informed about progress and provide our contact details in case you would like to get in touch.

Further to our community meeting held on 9th April 2024 at the Essex Church with representatives of Residents' Associations and local ward councillors, we thought we would give the local community an update on the current activity at Newcombe House. This activity is not part of the demolition or construction works associated with the redevelopment of the site but is purely to do with routine day-to-day management.

Cadent Gas working process



The utility companies are currently working across the site. Cadent Gas are disconnecting the gas mains to the vacant retail units and retrieving their meters. In some locations they require scaffold platforms and our in house JRL Access business are facilitating these.

Scaffolding tubes



UK Power Networks are also retrieving their meters and preparing to remove their transformer equipment from the Substation in Royston Court (the former rough sleepers bedsits vacated several years ago) as their lease has now ended. To carry out this disconnection and to ensure mains in the local area are not disrupted they have applied for a licence to make a new connection within Kensington Church Street. This is not part of JRL works but is a standard Utility process. UKPN is wholly responsible for this work and it is not carried out by us. We have met with the site owners to review some localised issues with the existing building façade. They have asked us to erect a small area of scaffold in two areas, to ensure that health and safety is maximised. We plan to start this work in the week commencing 22nd April. The scaffolds will all be erected entirely within the Newcombe House boundary.

We met with the Local Authority and TfL on Friday 19th April to discuss an update to our proposed site management that we presented at the community meeting on the 9th April. We're pleased to say that both authorities have agreed to a protected temporary pedestrian route within the highway for the duration of the project, immediately adjacent to the existing footpath on Kensington Church Street. This means that there will be no need to cross Kensington Church Street when travelling to or from Notting Hill Gate.

The route will be built to meet Health & Safety requirements and our loading/off-loading Pit Lane will sit alongside this footpath. The bus lane and the bus stop to the northern end of Kensington Church Street (Bus Stop G) will remain open, adjacent to its current position. The south bus stop (Bus Stop F) is likely to close as TfL tell us that the bus stop further south is sufficient. We are (subject to planning approval) preparing to erect a scaffold on the Kensington Church Street footpath to aid the de-construction works and as discussed at the community meeting this will mean localised footpath closures for between 6 and 15 days. During these closures access will be diverted into the highway with the north bus stop closing for 12 days, and the south bus stop for 5 days. The decision to close the bus stops was made for road traffic safety reasons. We will share updated plans shortly.