



Harbour Road

Newsletter April 2021

Hello again!

You will recall that we issued our first newsletter in January earlier this year. This newsletter is the second, being issued now that there is a reopening of the construction industry on the horizon, albeit residential construction only for the time being. We hope to make a restart on site at Harbour Road on Monday 12th April.

In our last newsletter we acknowledged the challenges associated with the construction of new housing in a quiet residential area and we hoped at the time to assure you that our aim is to try and minimise the impact of construction works on our neighbours, St. Patrick's National School, and other nearby residents. A lot of progress has been made in this regard in the past few months, the conclusion of which is that we have reached an agreement with our nearest neighbour, St. Patrick's National School which we hope will be welcomed by the community in general.

We note that rock extraction has been a source of increased noise in the locality and unfortunately is a necessary requirement for a viable residential development in this area. In a genuine and well-intentioned attempt to address this issue we have significantly curtailed the duration for rock extraction which will now be carried out during the hours of 2:15pm to 7pm daily, Monday to Friday, while the school is in session. We hope that this will be a welcome initiative. The site will continue to function from 7am each weekday morning but extraction will be confined to weekday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

We have worked closely with both our and the national school's acoustic experts to arrive at a monitoring regime that will protect the school staff, students and parents while construction works progress.

The noise generated on site will continue to be monitored on a full and real time basis with instantaneous data available to the site management team as required to ensure that the site continues to

comply with the requirements of the construction management plan and keep within the parameters agreed by the experts.

As previously stated, we have also committed to providing monitoring reports to the local authority on a regular basis so that compliance can be independently checked and verified.

We had initially envisaged 2 possible scenarios for rock breaking which were outlined in the last newsletter as follows:

Scenario 1 – 8am to 6pm Mon to Fri, 8am to 2pm Sat

Scenario 2 – 7 to 9am, 2:15pm to 7pm M2F, 8am to 2pm Sat

A modified version of scenario 2 has been adopted with the added intent to avoid rock breaking in the mornings between 7 and 8am as much as possible.

Working closely with the contractor we have estimated that rock extraction will hopefully be completed before the end of June, based on the reduced hours as outlined. This is subject to many variables that are largely outside of our control but we will be monitoring the progress very closely and, through the monthly newsletters, keep the community informed on progress and any issues that arise that may have an impact on the duration.

While the industry has been restricted, we have taken advantage of the period to make progress on the acoustic barrier to be erected between the national school and the site in order to provide an additional layer of protection to the school. The various component parts are now ready and available for erection and installation once the site reopens.

As before, we hope that the newsletter has been helpful and informative, please continue to share your concerns and observations either directly through info@winterbrook.ie or via the contractor's local liaison number **086 8858495 (Niall Walsh)** or Winterbrook's liaison officer Noel O'Brien on 083-022 8285, both of whom will be available to start taking calls again from the 12th April.

Best wishes,

The Winterbrook Team