

Oriel construction community newsletter

October 2026



BUILDING FOR LIFE

Dear neighbour,

Here's the latest update on the progress of Moorfields and UCL Centre for Eye Health (also known as Oriel), the new world-leading Centre for eye care, research, and education, that we are building on St Pancras Way. As construction nears completion, please be aware this is our final newsletter.



Moorfields and UCL Centre for Eye Health will bring together a range of expertise in a purpose-built, integrated Centre to support advances in eye care, research, and education.



The new centre is being constructed on a two-acre site on St Pancras Way.

Meet the Bouygues UK team

We support the local community with apprenticeships, work experience placements, engage with educational institutions in the area and take part in local charity initiatives. Read more about these initiatives in the newsletter.

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Stay up to date

There are lots of ways to find out more about Oriel.

 moorfields.oriel@nhs.net

 www.moorfields.nhs.uk/about-us/oriel





Onsite activities

Since our last newsletter in July, we have increased activity on and around the site:

- Continued external landscaping works within the site
- Internal architectural and mechanical, electrical and plumbing (MEP) fit-out works across all floors, supported by progressive inspections
- Continued internal fit-out, MEP installation and plant works
- Building energisation and MEP commissioning works, including cause-and-effect testing
- Environmental monitoring of noise, dust and vibration



Upcoming activities

Over the next three months, the following works will continue or commence:

- External landscaping works within site and around the site boundary, including works by Camden Council
- Sewer replacement works and the Thames Water connection
- Internal fit-out and installation works across all floors
- Roof-finishing works at levels 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11
- Internal atrium-finishing works
- Building energisation and testing of the mechanical and electrical systems



Protecting the environment

Bouygues UK is committed to taking care of and protecting the environment, preventing pollution, and continually improving our environmental performance. Environmental priorities and practices underpin our business objectives and growth.

We will undertake many sustainability initiatives throughout the life of the project. So far, we have:

- implemented environmental monitoring for noise, dust and vibration. We receive hourly reports which enable us to react to any breaches to the agreed limits where works are stopped, and additional measures are implemented.
- introduced a personal protective equipment (PPE) recycling bin as part of our sustainability strategy to reduce waste and prevent improper disposal.
- saved wood waste for the Men's Sheds charity.
- engaged with the community wood recycling scheme.



Charity

Our graduates and apprentices completed the 18-mile Jurassic Coast Hike Challenge and raised over £4,000 for The Lighthouse Charity, which supports people working in construction and their families.



All our staff can use two days additional leave for volunteering. If you have ideas of charities we could partner with, please contact Halimo Addow at halimo.addow@bouygues-uk.com



Community engagement

Over the summer, we continued to support local residents, learners and community organisations through a range of activities:

- Delivered our work experience programme from June to August, giving participants an insight into the construction industry
- Welcomed six interns, providing hands-on experience and an introduction to construction careers
- Supported learners at Working Men's College in Camden through mock interview sessions
- Delivered a manual-handling presentation for Camden Foodbank volunteers, promoting safe working practices



Oriel partners site visit

On 10 September, staff from Moorfields Eye Hospital visited the site to review construction progress, meet the project team and speak with our engineers. The visit gave them the opportunity to see how the centre is developing and ask questions about the construction programme.





Upcoming

We will also support upcoming awareness activities focused on:

- Macmillan Cancer Support
- Breast cancer
- Prostate cancer
- World Mental Health Day
- Health and wellbeing, including activities to mark International Men's Day in November



T level cohort

We hosted a “World of Work” presentation and site tour for residents from the Single Homeless Project. The session introduced participants to the construction industry, the range of career opportunities available and the different roles involved in delivering a major healthcare project.



This October, we will welcome the final cohort of T Level students. Supported by the project team, they will visit the live site, take part in practical activities and learn about site safety, construction roles and career opportunities.



Apprentices and work placements

The project has agreed apprenticeship targets with Camden Council under its S106 agreement and we are working closely with the King's Cross Construction Skills Centre to advertise our apprenticeship opportunities.

We will have opportunities throughout the life of the project so, if you are looking for a new role or are just leaving school and think construction might be for you, please contact Sam Mayo (pictured overleaf) – samantha.mayo@bouygues-uk.com

For ideas about all the different roles within the construction industry, have a look at the CITB website:

<https://www.goconstruct.org/>

<https://www.citb.co.uk/courses-and-qualifications/citb-apprenticeships/>

We also work with local schools and colleges to offer work experience opportunities where students can experience a variety of roles onsite.



Supporting our community

Throughout the project, we have worked to create local employment, training and community opportunities. Our achievements include

- Spent £14.06 million with local businesses
- Provided 496 weeks of apprenticeship training
- Delivered 308 weeks of paid work experience
- Created or supported 12 local jobs
- Contributed £40,501 to local community projects
- Volunteered 195 staff hours
- Spent 74 hours supporting local schools and colleges



Your safety is our concern

Bouygues UK takes every precaution to keep you safe throughout the construction process.

At all times, our site will be secure and surrounded by fencing but building sites can be hazardous places:

- We dig deep holes
- We erect scaffolding
- We use large, noisy machinery.



Please do not enter the construction site, unless it is part of a pre-arranged visit by our project team.

Our operatives and staff are trained to work safely. Please help us to keep you and children safe and take extra care during the school holidays.

Considerate Constructors Scheme

As with all our projects, this site is registered with the scheme, and regular visits from the Considerate Constructors Scheme help us ensure we continue to improve our performance in showing full respect for:

**CONTRACTOR
AND SUPPLIER
PARTNER**

**CONSIDERATE
CONSTRUCTORS
SCHEME**

- Community
- Workforce
- Environment

Please let us know if you have any concerns.

If you would like more information about the scheme, please visit:
www.ccscheme.org.uk

Want to speak with us?

We understand you will want to know what is happening in your area. Our team is available to answer any queries or concerns you may have and will be very pleased to hear from you. In addition, if you have any community projects that you think Bouygues UK could get involved with, please contact Sam Mayo.



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**Standard site
working hours:**

Monday – Friday:
8am – 6pm

Saturday:
8am – 1pm

There should be no noisy works before 8am