



# COMMUNITY UPDATE

**Welcome to the second edition of our community newsletter, sharing the latest news of the development covering the White City area between Australia Road and South Africa Road.**

EdCity is a £150m not-for-profit scheme. It will create 132 affordable homes, a new primary school building, nursery, adult learning spaces, a new youth zone and an office building.

It will also have a new public space, with pedestrian routes linking the White City estate to White City Place and Wood Lane. EdCity Development Ltd (ECDL), Hammersmith & Fulham Council and Ark, an education charity, are delivering the project, and Bowmer & Kirkland Ltd is carrying out the construction work.

**Together, we are building a place that will make a difference to local people. The opportunities for education, work and new homes will mark a new era for the whole White City community.**



## TRANSFORMATION TIMELINE

- **2021** Initial works started in July with demolition works throughout the summer and autumn.
- **2022** Ongoing construction of Phase 1: the new primary school, residential, youth zone and the office building.
- **2023** The new primary school building will open. Pupils will move from the existing building into their brand-new classrooms in September. Completion of 24 affordable homes. The youth zone and office are due for completion towards the end of the year. Start of Phase 2.
- **2024** Construction of Phase 2: the nursery, adult education space and the remaining homes.
- **2025** EdCity is complete.

# WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO...?

## JULY

We removed trees and vegetation and demolished the boundary wall on Dorando Close. We erected the hoarding and removed the internal fixtures and fittings at Ark Swift Primary Academy.

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## AUGUST

London artist Tezz Kamoen worked with students at Ark Swift Primary Academy to design and produce a colourful panoramic mural on the hoardings separating the school's playground from the construction site. The mural reflects the 'Dream Street', using children's drawings and collages of imaginative buildings.



## SEPTEMBER

The demolition of the Adult Education Centre and Harmony Nursery buildings has created a lot of waste. So, we brought a large mobile crushing plant to crush the bricks and materials into smaller pieces which we will reuse as part of the work to construct the new buildings on the site.

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## OCTOBER

Two piling machines arrived on site and we started work on the service tunnel and an underground tunnel. This will be the location for services when we finish the buildings. We also installed large steel boxes that enable work to start below ground.

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## NOVEMBER

A consultation has begun on a proposal to bring together Ark Swift and Ark Burlington Danes Primary Academy in the new school building on site from September 2023. The new school name being consulted upon is 'Ark White City Primary Academy', and the consultation ends on Sunday 12th December. A final decision is due by March 2022. You can have your say at [www.arkonline.org/west-london-consultation](http://www.arkonline.org/west-london-consultation)

# UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

## DECEMBER

The first tower crane will be on site on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th December and the second tower crane in January. During this phase, we expect 50 to 60 construction workers will be on site. Currently, 10% of B&K's workforce live in Hammersmith & Fulham, and they intend to maintain this throughout the project. They will also be employing several local apprentices.

# IN OTHER NEWS



## BIPIN TO MENTOR STUDENTS

The development's Project Manager, Bipin Mepani, has been made a Construction Youth Trust mentor. He will be mentoring Year 13 students from local sixth forms and colleges thinking about careers in construction. Bipin will share his experience and knowledge, and we will follow their journeys in a future edition. Please feel free to contact Bipin for more information at [b.mepani@bandk.co.uk](mailto:b.mepani@bandk.co.uk)

## SOUVENIR BRICKS TO PROTECT FAMILY MEMORY

A local resident, who had lived in the caretaker's house for many years before it had become disused, has been given bricks to remember it by following its demolition. The resident's father was a former school caretaker and the Bowmer & Kirkland team were more than happy to provide the souvenir bricks.



## FROM PALLETS TO PLANTERS

Wooden pallets used in construction work often end up in landfills. But they have many uses, and recycling them is cheap and environmentally friendly. So, in doing their bit for the environment, the green-fingered Bowmer & Kirkland team has come up with a novel and colourful way to ensure they have an alternative use.

## FIND OUT MORE

For more information about the development, please visit [www.edcity.org.uk](http://www.edcity.org.uk) where you can find an FAQs section.

Or, you can get in touch with us at [edcity@arkonline.org.uk](mailto:edcity@arkonline.org.uk)



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