



## Community Board Amersham

# Questions from the Public

**1. With only 2 months to go before user groups & the operator are due to have access for fit-out on 13th September, prior to the full opening on 27th September, there still seems to be an awful lot left to be done, including it appears, the connection of mains services? Could we please be given a schedule of what still needs to be done to meet those dates?**

*The Council notified local Councillors and other key stakeholders, including your good self, last week explaining that we are now reporting a short delay to the completion of the Chilterns Lifestyle Centre. As advised in our communication, the delay is outside of our control. It relates to UK Power Networks ability to complete their cabling works and energise the building to the original programme (for which BAM had placed orders in autumn 2020), thereby impacting the commissioning and certification of the building services. The use of generators has provided some mitigation, and practical completion is now expected to be achieved by the end of October.*

*We thought it would be useful to provide you with an update on the external and internal construction works: -*

**External elevation works: -**

- *Brick slips installation is substantially complete.*
- *Support systems for the timber cladding and Brise Soleil have been installed.*
- *Sample area areas of the Rimex cladding panels to be provided to the Council's project team for review and acceptance.*
- *Materials for external landscape have been procured and stored on site.*

**Internal works including: -**

- *Tiling of both swimming pools is complete (but not yet offered for inspection to the project team) and has progressed to other areas including the Spa. The extent of tiling activity in the building is significant and BAM have increased labour resources to meet the build programme.*
- *Drylining, ceilings and rendering finishing have progressed in all areas, with decorating advancing in line with finishes.*
- *Install of the sanitary ware has commenced.*
- *The clip and climb equipment has been installed and protected with covering.*



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- *First fix Mechanical & Electrical has progressed well to all areas and second fix has commenced in certain areas.*
- *Final gas works are taking place over the next couple days. The connection works will be complete by the end of the week.*

**2. The 2nd area of external metal sheet cladding has now been exposed, on the east elevation (see photo attached), & it appears to be just as bad as the first area on the KGV Road side, with humps & bumps all over it. Can the Council please confirm if this has been accepted, or if remediation measures are planned?**

*The Council has not as yet been offered up the Rimex cladding panels for acceptance from BAM. The Council is aware of the appearance of the panels and is following due process in reviewing all areas for acceptance before practical completion certification.*

**3. I see that the application to amend Planning Condition 13, which requires all parking spaces to be available on first occupation and was submitted on 14th May, is still not resolved, despite the Determination Deadline being 11th June & the Expiry Date being 22nd June 2021. The application proposes a major reduction in spaces in direct conflict with the original planning condition, & so obviously needs to be resolved well ahead of the occupation date, in 2 months' time. What is the status of this application please, & the likely outcome?**

*The Non-Material Amendment application relating to phased parking is still in the process of being considered by the planning authority. Due to the phased demolition/construction programme it is not possible to provide all of the approved parking on site ahead of the new centre opening. This is the reason we are seeking to vary the wording of Condition 13, so that it reflects the fact that a phased approach to the delivery of parking spaces will be required during the period between the new centre opening, the remaining buildings being demolished and the car park areas subsequently being fully completed. The non-material amendment application sets out the temporary strategy and timings for phased parking delivery, which includes introducing temporary Pay and Display parking for the public at King George V House car park, while also using spare capacity that exists at Amersham multi-storey car park, if required. This will be a temporary arrangement, and any non-material amendment will not impact on the overall parking provision required for the site, which will upon completion of all phases be in accordance with the levels required by planning permission PL/18/4593/RC.*

*Full details of the application and supporting documents can be found on the Planning Portal at: [Simple Search \(chilternandsouthbucks.gov.uk\)](https://www.chilternandsouthbucks.gov.uk) (reference PL/18/4593/RC).*