

# Community Newsletter

## Bankside Yard West COVID-19 UPDATE

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### Dear Neighbour,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well.

Some of you have contacted us seeking clarification on how we are operating in this difficult climate, while most of the country is in lockdown. As a result, this newsletter will be slightly different from previous months, as it will take you through how we are dealing with COVID-19 as a project team.

We hope that this newsletter will offer some clarification on how we will continue to work safely during these unprecedented times. We also would like to thank those members of the community who have contacted us and have helped us in the continued development of our site procedures in the last few weeks.

I understand it is difficult to live next to a development project, even more so in a time like this where your movement is restricted to your home for the majority of the time. I would therefore like to thank you for the understanding and support you have shown us through the past couple of years, but more importantly in recent weeks, while we continue to adapt in dealing with the impact of COVID-19.

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Firstly, I would like to use this opportunity to send my sincere appreciation to the brave men and women working within the NHS. The doctors, nurses and frontline workers, who are doing an amazing job to fight this deadly virus, saving lives every day. Following Government guidance, the Development Manager, Native Land, and McGee's project team have worked tirelessly to have all mitigation measures in place to uphold the health, safety and wellbeing of all our workforce and those associated with this development.

We assigned two dedicated COVID-19 coordinators, Lem Berihun and Abas Abdi, to coordinate all communications, guidelines, and implementation. Both coordinators will be working with Nick Wing, McGee's Health and Safety Director, and his team.

With the input of our Professional Health & Safety team, Guidelines from the Construction Leadership Council Safe Operating Procedures and consultation with our workforce, we have developed a project COVID-19 management plan that outlines mitigation measures we have to put in place to keep everyone safe.

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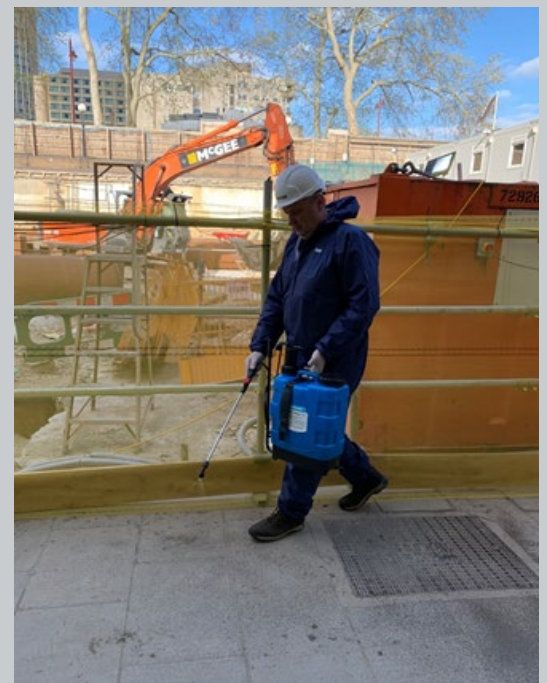
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The COVID-19 management plan also has a risk assessment, identifying key risks and hierarchal mitigation measures. It has been developed in line with the government and industry guidelines.

The following key measures have been taken to ensure the site is compliant with these guidelines and more importantly to protect our workforce from the virus while they are within the site compound.

- ✓ We removed the finger recognition site entrance and clocking systems and replaced them with manual clocking system.
- ✓ Rearranged our welfare facilities to comply with social distancing guidelines, keeping people a minimum of 2m apart. Our canteen seating arrangement has been altered to cater for 2 people on a table and staggered break times.
- ✓ We rearranged our walkways and accesses to ensure a minimum of 2m distance is maintained, through a one way system and clear demarcations and signage.
- ✓ With the help of Native Land, we have given car park slots in Samson House to all who can drive to work. We are also encouraging people to cycle to work where possible. Currently over 60% of our works force either drive, cycle or walk to work.
- ✓ We have employed a professional deep cleaning contractor to carryout chemical cleaning in all our welfare facilities, walkways, communal areas and machine cabins every 72 hours.
- ✓ We have relocated our daily briefings to an area big enough to accommodate all the workforce to allow us to comply with social distancing guidelines .
- ✓ Dedicated the first 5-10 minutes of our daily briefing to discuss and update on COVID-19 and take comments or questions from the workforce. We created a culture of transparency and engagement with our workforce.
- ✓ We risk assessed our activities and focused only on critical activities that we can carry out by complying with the guidelines and the project management plan.

We understand our responsibility to provide a safe working environment for our workforce. Through regular inspections and engagement with our workforce, we are developing a culture that helps us reduce the spread of this virus at the site level.

We understand this is a challenging and uncomfortable time for all of us. But by working together, adapting our way of life and working culture, we believe we all can play our part in helping defeat the virus and help keep our economy moving.

Our dedicated COVID-19 coordinators and the rest of the project management team are working tirelessly to ensure our project is safe for all its workforce and stakeholders, including you, our neighbours.

If you have any questions on our processes or would like any further information on how we are mitigating the impact of Covid-19, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us via our usual channels or via our Covid-19 coordinators email below. Once again, thank you very much for your time and stay safe.

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Together we will defeat COVID-19

