

September 2017 Newsletter

This newsletter is designed to provide an update to residents who reside near to Malling Brooks Industrial Estate in relation to the construction of John Gosnell & Co's new factory.

At Merit Holdings, we recognise the importance of engaging with the local community throughout the construction process and this newsletter will become a regular feature throughout the delivery of our works.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation throughout the construction process. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact us by e-mail gosnells@meritholdings.co.uk

Construction update

Construction is progressing with face brickwork and internal concrete blocks installation underway. The roof installation (including Sedum roof) has commenced and the perimeter cladding to building all elevations is also underway.



Artist's impression of completed facility

What to expect in the coming months

We would like residents to note in particular that works planned for the end of September/beginning of October will require some out of hours working. This work package is for the concrete slab installation which will take 3 weeks overall and will require two overnight working periods to accommodate works known as 'power floating' (a mechanical way of finishing the concrete to get a high quality smooth finish). These particular works may cause disruption to residents close to the site and the two overnight working periods have been identified as Thursday 5 October and Friday 6 October, in which the following are considered potential disruptions:

- ✔ Noise from the machines used for these types of works;
- ✔ Noise from the two generators on site required for these types of works; and
- ✔ Flood lights to light the way from the site cabins to site.

We can assure residents that all measures to minimise disruption caused by these works has been considered. Firstly, we have configured the works so that we only work over two nights rather than the three nights originally anticipated. Secondly, as wall cladding works will have started, some noise will be minimised as a result. Thirdly, we will ensure that noise levels on site during the works are not

elevated by site vehicles or site operatives, for example, no beeping of vehicles or shouting on site will be tolerated.

A summary of the works for the coming months is below:

September 2017	Concrete floor to warehouse and manufacturing Internal drainage to building Start installing internal walls
October 2017	External installations – windows/doors
November and December 2017	Internal fit out – walls/mechanical and electrical systems

Considerate Constructors Scheme

As detailed in our last newsletter, the site at Malling Brooks is registered with the Considerate Constructors Scheme. The Considerate Constructors Scheme is a non-profit making, independent organisation designed to encourage best practice beyond statutory requirements. Construction sites, companies and suppliers voluntarily register with the scheme and agree to abide by the code of considerate practice.

When the scheme monitor visited the site in June, Merit was awarded a score of 35/50. Most recently, following a second monitor visit in August, we are delighted to report that our score improved to 38/50. Additional marks were awarded in three areas, taking the score from a 7 'Very Good' during the original visit to an 8 'Excellent' for Care about Appearance, Respect the Community and Secure everyone's Safety). Well done to the team! As a result of our scores, we also received a 'Performance Beyond Compliance' from the Considerate Constructors Scheme. The certificate was presented by our Operations Director, Nick Small, to the site team. See photo below of the team being presented with their certificate.



Site manager Paul Clare, Project Manager Michael McDonald, Operations Director Nick Small and Contracts Manager Aseai Zlauoi