

Oriel construction community newsletter

April 2025



Dear neighbour,

Here's the latest update on the progress of Oriel, the new world-leading centre for eye care, research, and education, that we are building on St Pancras Way. With construction well underway, we want to make sure you're kept informed about the next steps and how they may impact you.



Oriel 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 look forward to working with you over the next few years and being considerate constructors within the borough of Camden.

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.oriel-london.org.uk





Onsite activities

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

- We have completed the unitised façade everywhere except the areas for hoists and deliveries.
- Roof works are progressing including the steelwork and plant delivery.
- We have completed the ethylene tetrafluoroethylene (ETFE) roof over the atrium.
- Fit-out works are progressing on all but the highest floor: partitions and mechanical, engineering and plumbing works.
- We have dismantled the first of the four tower cranes.
- Plant room works are also progressing at a good pace.



Upcoming activities

- Fit-out works and plant room works will continue.
- Plant delivery, steelwork and roof finishes will progress.
- Atrium finishes works will progress with the progressive removal of the atrium scaffolding.
- We will remove the second tower crane, located in the atrium.
- UKPN will bring electrical power to the two building sub-stations.

The site in January 2025



The site on 26 March 2025





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

We've continued our support for the Single Homeless Project, focusing on one of their Pathways Project hostels. We provided laptops which will significantly benefit the clients who need digital equipment.

As part of International Women's Day, we collected hygiene products and essential items for the residents of the Single Homeless Project at St Pancras Hostel to help improve their daily lives.

These initiatives are part of our ongoing commitment to supporting vulnerable communities and promoting wellbeing.

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



Considerate Contractors scheme CCS Award

We've been awarded top marks 45/45 of the CCS inspections in January. The inspections are monitored and evaluated on three categories: value workforce, respect the community and care for the environment.

We have also been audited to ensure our site complies with the agreed Construction Management Plan established with the council. We are pleased that the audit report confirms our full compliance with the plan's requirements.



Oriel partners site visit

On 13 March, staff from the Oriel partners (Moorfields Eye Hospital, the UCL Institute of Ophthalmology and Moorfields Eye Charity) visited the site to review progress.

They toured the site, observed how it has progressed and had the opportunity to ask our engineers questions.





School engagement

As part of Apprenticeship Week, we participated in the Euston Skills Centre construction challenge for female students in Camden schools. We hosted a workshop using virtual reality building modelling technology to show how advanced tech is used in the construction industry. Students worked in groups with VR to navigate different floors based on building drawings.

As part of National Careers Week, we delivered a 'World of Work' presentation to students at the Euston Skills Centre. The session aimed to bridge the gap between the classroom and the workplace, offering insights into the skills and opportunities that await them in their chosen careers.

As part of International Women's Day, we attended a speed networking session at Acland Burghley School with graduates and interns. We spent an hour connecting with students, answering their questions, and providing insights into diverse career opportunities and our daily work across various industries.





Open Doors visit

We participated in the Open Doors event this year, which provides public access to construction sites and promotes careers in the industry.

On Wednesday 19 March, UCL Academy students visited and took on roles like Project Managers and Quantity Surveyors in a Lego construction challenge. Our experienced staff guided them through the activity.

In the evening, four of our graduates and apprentices in Quantity Surveying presented their career pathways and entry into the construction field.

On 21-22 March, we opened the site to the public. Eighty people signed up to see behind the scenes at the Oriel site. The event featured presentations on the progress of the site and included a detailed tour, allowing visitors to learn more about the project's development and the construction process.





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.

In February Halimo Addow, Bouygues UK social value apprentice, (pictured left) was named 'Apprentice of the Year' at the Camden Apprenticeship Awards 2025. Congratulations Halimo!

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 right) – 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.



Delivering for the community

We are continuing our collaboration with London South Bank University and had the pleasure of hosting a site visit for a group of their students and faculty members.

The visit included a comprehensive presentation on the current stages of the site progress. Our team provided in-depth insights into the various phases of the project.

Following the presentation, attendees participated in a detailed site tour to see first-hand the practical applications of their theoretical studies.



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Creating the centre for
advancing eye health



BUILDING FOR LIFE

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 will help us to ensure that we continue to improve our performance in showing full respect for:

- 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.



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