

Oriel construction community newsletter

January 2026



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 October, we have increased activity on and around the site:

- Last tower crane dismantled on 8 October
- External works underway around the building perimeter
- Roof plant screens complete; solar panel installation ongoing
- Roof finishes ongoing on levels 6 and 9
- Façade complete and external doors installed on lower levels
- Internal and mechanical/electrical/plumbing work progressing across 10 floors
- Internal atrium finishes ongoing; most scaffolding removed
- Building energisation and commissioning started from level 1



Upcoming activities

- Continue external works around the building perimeter, including UKPN service diversions on St Pancras Way
- Complete installation of PV panels and roof finishes on levels 6 and 9
- Final façade finishes and cleaning; install external doors (phase 2)
- Ongoing internal fit-out and mechanical/electrical/plumbing works across all floors, with inspections
- Complete atrium finishes
- Progress building energisation and mechanical/electrical/plumbing commissioning



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 were delighted to take part in Christmas Jumper Day.
- We have continued to donate food to the Camden Foodbank.
- We will work with a subcontractor to replace the flooring in the flats at the Single Homeless Project and have donated Christmas hampers to support residents during the festive period.



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



Winter staff and student engagement event

On 3 December, we hosted an on-site visit for staff and students from Moorfields Eye Hospital, the UCL Institute of Ophthalmology, and Moorfields Eye Charity. Attendees explored key areas of the building, spoke with project leads about future clinical, research, and education spaces, and networked with colleagues while enjoying views from the roof terrace.



Oriel partners site visit

On 13 November, staff from Moorfields Eye Hospital visited the site to speak with the Bouygues UK engineering team and view progress made. Staff found the opportunity to visualise areas within the centre and familiarise themselves with the layout helpful and informative.





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.

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 overleaf) – 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/>

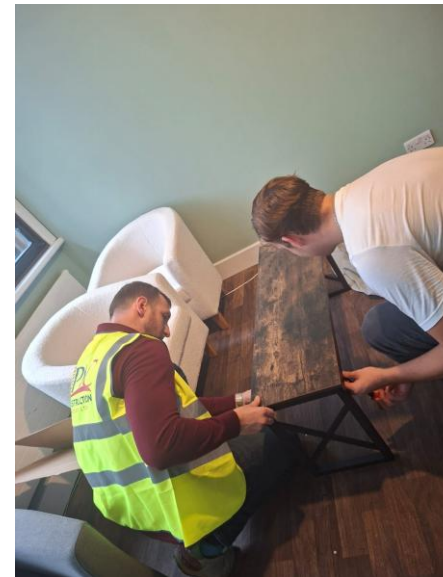
We also work with local schools and colleges to offer work experience opportunities where students can experience a variety of roles onsite.



Delivering for the community

We were pleased to welcome UCL Academy back for a Construction Challenge with their year 11 engineering students. They took part in a practical design-and-build activity that tested their teamwork, creativity, and technical skills.

Working alongside our subcontractor, we collaborated to repaint flats at the Single Homeless Project. The joint effort helped transform the flats into refreshed, welcoming living spaces for residents.



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Oriel
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.



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**Standard site
working hours:**

Monday – Friday:
8am – 6pm

Saturday:
8am – 1pm

There should be no noisy works before 8am