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As promised, I am writing with a quick update of what is happening at Olympia as part of our planned works this year to invest in our future and improve the serving arrangements around the estate. As you may be aware, our plans, which were approved by Hammersmith and Fulham Council last October, include the redevelopment of the West Hall behind the restored façade. Olympia 2 will be reconfigured to provide more efficient servicing arrangements and improved connectivity with the rest of the facility. We will also be improving the public realm around Olympia with new pavements and trees.

As you will have seen, throughout January our contractor, Sir Robert McAlpine, has been erecting scaffolding on Blythe Road. This work is due to be completed by Friday 4 February, when you will be able to use the pavement and highway in Bythe Road once more. We do not expect to need to work on the pavement again until July.

Sir Robert McAlpine is starting the main demolition work this week and this will continue throughout February. As part of the work, they will install an internal acoustic wall to reduce noise levels. Other work will include removal of the West Hall roof and the installation of structural support systems which will enable us to retain in part the existing Blythe Road external wall.

The Olympia site is now formally registered with the Considerate Builders Scheme and you will see that there are now general information notices about the project around the perimeter of the site. However, we continue to be committed to keeping you up to date with what is going on. We will be holding the latest of our regular meetings with local residents' groups later this month. You will also be able to find out more from our website www.eco.co.uk/olympia - or by signing up to receive regular e-newsletters about the project by emailing Olympiaresidents@eco.co.uk



Lee Hawkins, Sir Robert McAlpine's dedicated project manager for Olympia, is based on the site and, should you have any queries regarding the management of the site or the work schedule, you can get in touch with him by calling (0800) 0546396.

There will be, I'm sure, times this month, particularly when our contractors start to remove the floor in the West Hall, when the works might be noisy. We will, however, mitigate the impact of this by having quiet periods within the operations. We have agreed with Hammersmith and Fulham Council to adopt the best practical means to control any potential nuisance to residents and Council officers will inspect the site to ensure we have implemented what we said we'd do.

The work is phased to allow the exhibition and conference business already operating at Olympia to continue throughout. Teams from EC&O and Sir Robert McAlpine are holding regular meetings to discuss logistics and operations management for both forthcoming events and the building works so there is as little disruption to residents as possible. As Group Halls Director, I remain the main point of contact if you have any queries or questions about Olympia and its operations.

On behalf of EC&O Venues, thank you for your patience and continued support. I will be in touch again soon with a further update.

With best wishes,

Rachel

Rachel Parker
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P.S. To ensure you keep up to date with what's happening with the works at Olympia, please email olympiaresidents@eco.co.uk and we'll add you to our database.