

BOTANIC PLACE, HILLS ROAD, CAMBRIDGE

Dear Neighbour,

This letter is to advise you in advance of upcoming statutory archaeological investigation that is due to be carried out on the Botanic Place office development scheme on Hills Road within the approved planning permission application 20/03429/FUL.

Botanic Place, which is next to Cambridge University Botanic Garden, comprises an existing office building, Botanic House, the historic Flying Pig pub building, and an adjacent site with planning consent for a new £500m, 500,000 sq ft workspace scheme, designed by architects Allford Hall Monaghan Morris. The vision is that it will become the most sustainable and intelligent workspace in Cambridge.

The archaeological investigation will take place for a fortnight, from Tuesday 29 August, between 08:30 – 16:00. This includes a dig of six trenches, all over 1.5m deep and around 20m long, which will be reviewed by project and county council archaeologists. Whilst every effort will be made to minimise inconvenience to our neighbours, we anticipate a slightly increased level of noise during the initial dig phase.

We have also begun a structural survey of the public house, The Flying Pig, so you may witness activity in and around the building. A sensitive refurbishment of the public house, also part of the approved planning permission, is not set to begin until 2024.

In September, we will be conducting a wider survey of the site to plan the safest means of demolition before work commences in mid-to-late October. This does not include the Flying Pig, which will be sensitively restored and refurbished, as part of the approved planning permission. Full construction of the new workspace scheme is scheduled to begin in early 2024.

To find out more about the plans for the site, please visit: www.botanicplacecambridge.com.

We thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation during these works. If you have any questions or comments about the scheme, please contact us at hello@botanicplacecambridge.com.

Yours faithfully,

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