

# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



## Dear Neighbour,

The Costume Store is the name for the new building on the site of the former BBC Building, which Berkeley First are currently redeveloping. This is the third edition of the Costume Store Newsletter. In this winter 2011 issue, we have included information relating to our current progress and future programme together with contact details for our management team and details of the future users of the building. It is our intention to circulate these newsletters on a six monthly basis.

### Progress to Date

Since we distributed our summer 2011 newsletter, a considerable amount of activity has taken place on site, and the concrete frame of the new building is now complete to its full height.

The tower crane that has been in place since November of 2010 is planned to be dismantled in the spring of 2012. Further details of the dismantling arrangements will be distributed to neighbours nearer the time.

Work to the façades of the building continues and the new 'green' roofs that restrict water flow from the development to the public sewers in peak periods, as well as providing an important habitat for birds, are in the process of being installed. If the unseasonable weather that we are presently enjoying holds, we should start to see the scaffolding dismantled from the upper storeys to reveal the permanent façades before the holiday period.

Internal fit out works to the student bedrooms continue in accordance with programme.

### Construction & Beyond

The construction of the new building is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2012 ready for the new academic intake in the same year.

This programme will see the scaffolding completely removed in the spring to allow external works and new planting including a

'sensory garden' with completion of the project in July 2012.

Upon completion the new Costume Store building will contain 658 study bedrooms, 72 studios and 4 apartments for visiting academics in addition to a reception and gallery (artists impression below), student workshop, common rooms and an on site laundry. In addition there is an external landscaped courtyard and a footpath link from Victoria Road to Portal Way. Finally there is 3000 sqft of retail space to Victoria Road.



Contact us on: **0208 993 3223** Emergency out of hours: **07958 952394**



## Autumn 2012 & Beyond

As you may already be aware The Costume Store will exclusively be home to students of the University of the Arts London (UAL). University of the Arts London is recognised around the world as a leading institution for teaching and research in arts, design, fashion, communication and the performing arts.

The six separate Colleges of University of the Arts London are at the forefront of education in their specialist disciplines and teach students at all levels from foundation to postgraduate. Each College has always had a reputation for work of outstanding quality, and as part of an integrated University, those reputations remain extremely high, globally.

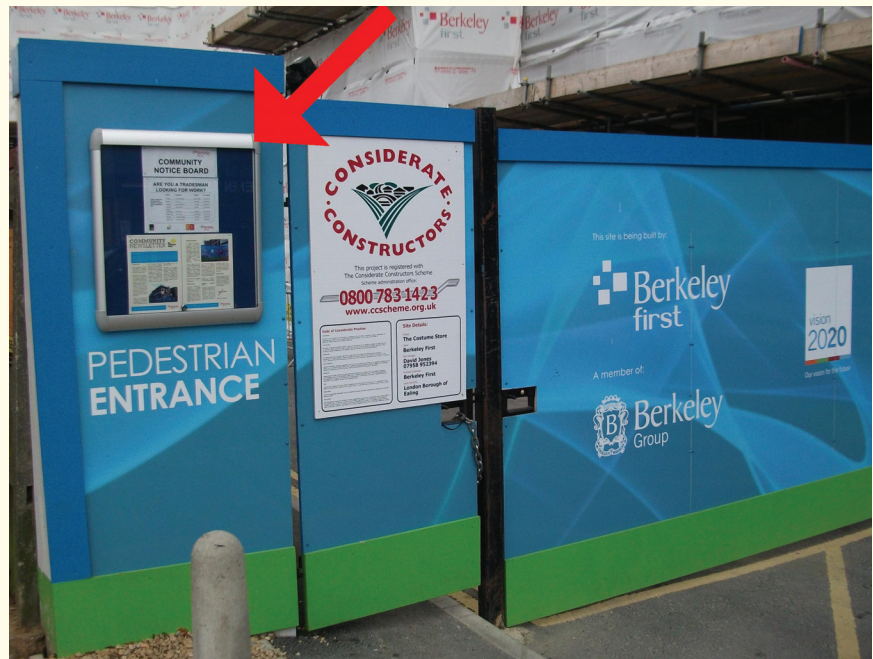
More information about UAL may be found at their home page [www.arts.ac.uk](http://www.arts.ac.uk).

The Costume Store Building will be owned and managed by The Student Housing Company. A nationwide provider of high quality student accommodation they already operate sites in Bangor, Birmingham, Bournemouth and Lincoln.

Further details about The Student Housing Company may be found on their home page [www.thestudenthousingcompany.com](http://www.thestudenthousingcompany.com).

### Community Matters

As a part of Berkeley First's commitment to the local community and greener living we are working with Ealing Council's Economic



Development team to provide local jobs during the construction phase of the project and beyond.

As a part of this commitment we have recently installed a Community Noticeboard (pictured above) where details of our trade contractors are posted along with any current vacancies.

As ever should you have any questions regarding the ongoing construction please feel free to visit us in our offices on site that are open to the public daily from 8am to 5pm or contact us on the number below.

### Festive Holidays

All construction activities will cease on site for the festive period on 23 December 2011, resuming on 3 January 2012. Full time security will be on site during this period however should you have any concerns during the shut down please contact the emergency out-of-hours number provided below. We should take

this opportunity to wish all of our neighbours a peaceful and pleasant holiday period.

### Weekend Working

We wrote to our neighbours early in 2011 regarding the need to work from 8am to 1pm on Saturdays in line with our planning consent. We regret that it will be necessary to continue with this practice for the time being and we will review the situation again early in the New Year.

David Jones - Project Manager