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Dear Dr O'Byrne

Re: Student Accommodation Enhancement and Expansion Project Update

As you are probably aware, the Student Accommodation Enhancement and Expansion Project aims to see more student accommodation built, replacing some of our older and less attractive residential blocks and adding more rooms to our overall capacity, in line with our growth plans as we strive to expand from 10,000 to 13,000 students by 2020.

Phase One, which included the creation of two brand-new Barnes Halls of Residences with 453 bedrooms in total, is set to be completed almost two months ahead of schedule and students will therefore be moving in from October onwards.

Detailed business planning for Phase Two of the project is currently underway after planning permission was unanimously approved in March, and you will have seen that some early enabling works on the campus have already been carried out, taking advantage of the summer break, to allow for work to begin in 2018. The University is taking a responsible and considered approach to how we move forward with this work and this is taking a little longer than originally expected. This planning work will continue through the autumn term and we hope to be able to share more details towards the end of 2017.

In practical terms, this will see the enabling works completed over the next few weeks with the contractor leaving the various sites in a safe condition. As a result:

- Access Road 16 (Horwood) will reopen for normal traffic by w/c 14th August and any diversions will cease, and all routes within Horwood and Plantation Park will revert to previous usage.
- All the sites, with the exception of that of the old Hubble and Horwood Bar, will be safely fenced off by the end of August.
- The site of the old Hubble and Horwood Bar will be surfaced and used as parking for the Medical Centre between 7am and 7pm, Monday to Friday, and by any Keele Parking Permit holder outside of these times.
- In addition to the temporary path through the woods already installed behind Horwood blocks T to Y, another path will be formed to connect the path from the Development Site to the path between Horwood blocks T to Y.

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- The temporary car park on Plot 7 on the Development Site will be completed mid-September for use by staff on Campus and tenants of the Science Park.

You can keep up-to-date with all campus developments, including those connected both to the Accommodation Project and other initiatives at www.keele.ac.uk/campus-developments - or contact our Estates Help Desk via 01782 733137 or estates@keele.ac.uk should you have any questions.

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding as we work to make our campus fit for the future.

With best wishes,



Phil Butters
Director of Estates and Development