

Houndshill  
Shopping Centre Blackpool



# Residents Newsletter

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## Welcome...

Welcome to the seventh issue of our monthly updates about the refurbishment and extension of the Houndshill Shopping Centre. This newsletter provides you with an update on progress and gives you details about forthcoming works.

Work is continuing at a great pace and topping out of the structure for Debenhams and other new build stores will be taking place over the next few months.

We will try to keep you updated on this and other development news until the end of the project. If you have any questions or issues that you would like answering, please let us know and we will try to address these in future issues.

## Topping Out

The Houndshill Shopping Centre will shortly celebrate another key milestone in the redevelopment of the mall with a topping out ceremony for the new Debenhams.

This will be followed by the removal of the site's three tower cranes from the new build area of the development. Both events mark another step closer to the completion of the project and to achieving the vision of a new and improved shopping experience for Blackpool.

The countdown is now on for the project team to hand over new units to tenants for fit out. The first of the units to be handed over will be flagship store, Debenhams at the end of November 2007. We keep you updated on the handover of units and other developments with the project as the end draws closer.



Debenhams basement area



Unit 13

## Art With A Community Heart

Centre Owners, Modus and Balfour Beatty have been working with the Lancashire Education Business Partnership and local secondary schools to brighten up the mall during refurbishment works.

As part of the scheme, local schools have been asked to provide pieces of artwork representing Blackpool that will be displayed in various areas of the centre.

The artwork is currently displayed in Unit 13 next to the Early Learning Centre and we are sure you will agree that the contributions from schools including Hodgson High School and Blackpool Sixth Form College are excellent and really help to brighten up the centre.

## Progress Update

Great progress is being made on the Houndshill redevelopment and visitors to the mall are starting to see big changes in and around the centre.

Work is on schedule for handover to Debenhams for fit out in November 2007. Since the last update, the following work has been completed on the external structure:

- Concrete pours have been completed to roof level for Debenhams and other new stores.
- Installation of pre-cast stairs has started.
- Work has started to erect steel work on the plant deck and this will be completed in approximately 3 weeks.
- Blockwork is currently being done on Coronation Street/Albert Road elevations.
- Frames are being constructed for stone portals.

Service yard works are also continuing on Winifred Street. A multi trench has now been dug out to divert utility services for local residents and to enable the road to be dropped by 1.5m. New services will be installed in this area shortly.

Culvert works have almost been finished to house a 21" water mains, which will upgrade the existing water provision in the area. Lids will be placed on the culvert when demolition and connection works have been completed.

A swathe has now been cut to form a link between the existing centre and the new build area. Demolition works have also been continuing internally and the stairs to car park level one and the former development information kiosk have now been demolished.

These demolition works have also cleared the area where the former Internationale store used to be to allow a ramp to be constructed linking the existing car park ramp onto the new Debenhams area.

Forthcoming works will include further refurbishment works inside the centre and final works on the new build area before the units are handed over to tenants for fit out later this year.

The project team will try to keep you updated on all these developments as work progresses towards the end of the project.

If you have any queries or concerns about any aspect of the work, please feel free to contact the site office at any time.



Swathe cutting works on the double height mall



Erection of roof steel on the plant deck

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