

Oriel construction community newsletter

April 2026



BUILDING FOR LIFE

Dear neighbour,

Here's the latest update on the progress of Oriel, the new world-leading centre for eye care, research, and education, that we are building on St Pancras Way. With construction well underway, we want to make sure you're kept informed about the next steps and how they may impact you.



Oriel will bring together a range of expertise in a purpose-built, integrated centre to support advances in eye care, research, and education.



The new centre is being constructed on a two-acre site on St Pancras Way.

Meet the Bouygues UK team

We look forward to working with you over the next few years and being considerate constructors within the borough of Camden.

We support the local community with apprenticeships, work experience placements, engage with educational institutions in the area and take part in local charity initiatives. Read more about these initiatives in the newsletter.

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Stay up to date

There are lots of ways to find out more about Oriel.

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 www.moorfields.nhs.uk/about-us/oriel





Onsite activities

Since our last newsletter in January, we have increased activity on and around the site:

- Completed level 6 terrace decking and planters
- Completed landscaping works to the west of the building
- Started landscaping works to the south and south-east of the building
- Started UKPN works to the west of the building
- Level 11 brown roof installation completed
- Level 9 terraces hard landscape works ongoing
- Level 7 terrace green roof started
- Roof access hatches installation
- Environmental monitoring (noise, dust, vibration)



Upcoming activities

- Completion of landscaping works to the south and south-east of the building
- Completion of UKPN works to the west of the building
- Commencement of Camden landscaping works to the west and north of the building, scheduled to start in May 2026
- Landscaping works to the north-east of the building to start in June 2026
- Level 9 terraces hard landscape completion
- Level 7 terrace green roof completion
- Façade - finishings, external doors and gates installation and cleaning works completion
- Internal fit-out works on all floors architectural, mechanical, electrical and plumbing trades with progressive inspection
- Environmental monitoring (noise, dust, vibration) ongoing



Protecting the environment

Bouygues UK is committed to taking care of and protecting the environment, preventing pollution, and continually improving our environmental performance. Environmental priorities and practices underpin our business objectives and growth.

We will undertake many sustainability initiatives throughout the life of the project. So far, we have:

- implemented environmental monitoring for noise, dust and vibration. We receive hourly reports which enable us to react to any breaches to the agreed limits where works are stopped, and additional measures are implemented.
- introduced a personal protective equipment (PPE) recycling bin as part of our sustainability strategy to reduce waste and prevent improper disposal.
- saved wood waste for the Men's Sheds charity.
- engaged with the community wood recycling scheme.



Charity

Clients from the Single Homeless Project attended an interview workshop where staff volunteered their time to support them in preparing for future employment. The session included tips on what a good CV looks like, how to be interview-ready, and the opportunity to take part in practice interviews.



All our staff can use two days additional leave for volunteering. If you have ideas of charities we could partner with, please contact Halimo Addow at halimo.addow@bouygues-uk.com



Summer staff and student engagement event

On 24 June, we will host an on-site visit for staff and students from Moorfields Eye Hospital, the UCL Institute of Ophthalmology, and Moorfields Eye Charity. Attendees will explore key areas of the building, speak with project leads and network with colleagues while enjoying views from the roof terrace.



Eye to Eye charity walk

On 28 June, Bouygues UK will take part in Moorfields Eye Charity's Eye-to-Eye Walk for the fourth year in a row, continuing to support this great cause.



Oriel partners site visit

On 12 March, staff from Moorfields Eye Hospital visited the site to speak with the Bouygues UK engineering team and view progress made. Staff found the opportunity to visualise areas within the centre and familiarise themselves with the layout helpful and informative.





International Women's Day

We marked International Women's Day on site (picture below), celebrating this year's theme 'Give to Gain', which highlights the importance of support and allyship in driving gender equality. Colleagues heard about initiatives supporting women across the business and reflected on actions they can take to help create a more inclusive workplace.



Graduate site visit

On 19 March we welcomed first-year graduates from Bouygues UK to the Oriel project, giving them the chance to see the site in action. Oriel graduates led the tour, sharing insights into the development and what it's like to work on a live construction project.





Apprentices and work placements

The project has agreed apprenticeship targets with Camden Council under its S106 agreement and we are working closely with the King's Cross Construction Skills Centre to advertise our apprenticeship opportunities.

We will have opportunities throughout the life of the project so, if you are looking for a new role or are just leaving school and think construction might be for you, please contact Sam Mayo (pictured overleaf) – samantha.mayo@bouygues-uk.com

For ideas about all the different roles within the construction industry, have a look at the CITB website:

<https://www.goconstruct.org/>

<https://www.citb.co.uk/courses-and-qualifications/citb-apprenticeships/>

We also work with local schools and colleges to offer work experience opportunities where students can experience a variety of roles onsite.



Delivering for the community

We took part in the Euston Skills Centre Construction Challenge, engaging 60 female students from Camden schools. Using VR headsets, students explored the Oriel project and learned about digital construction and sustainable features such as the ETFE roof and photovoltaic panels.

We welcomed DEC students from Sir George Monoux College to the Oriel project for a behind-the-scenes look at a live construction site. The session focused on modern methods of construction and the digital tools used to deliver projects today.





Your safety is our concern

Bouygues UK takes every precaution to keep you safe throughout the construction process.

At all times, our site will be secure and surrounded by fencing but building sites can be hazardous places:

- We dig deep holes
- We erect scaffolding
- We use large, noisy machinery.



Please do not enter the construction site, unless it is part of a pre-arranged visit by our project team.

- Our operatives and staff are trained to work safely.

Please help us to keep you and children safe and take extra care during the school holidays.

Considerate Constructors Scheme

As with all our projects, this site is registered with the scheme, and regular visits from the Considerate Constructors Scheme help us ensure we continue to improve our performance in showing full respect for:



- Community
- Workforce
- Environment

Please let us know if you have any concerns.

If you would like more information about the scheme, please visit: www.ccscheme.org.uk

Want to speak with us?

We understand you will want to know what is happening in your area. Our team is available to answer any queries or concerns you may have and will be very pleased to hear from you. In addition, if you have any community projects that you think Bouygues UK could get involved with, please contact Sam Mayo.



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**Standard site
working hours:**

Monday – Friday:
8am – 6pm

Saturday:
8am – 1pm

There should be no noisy works before 8am