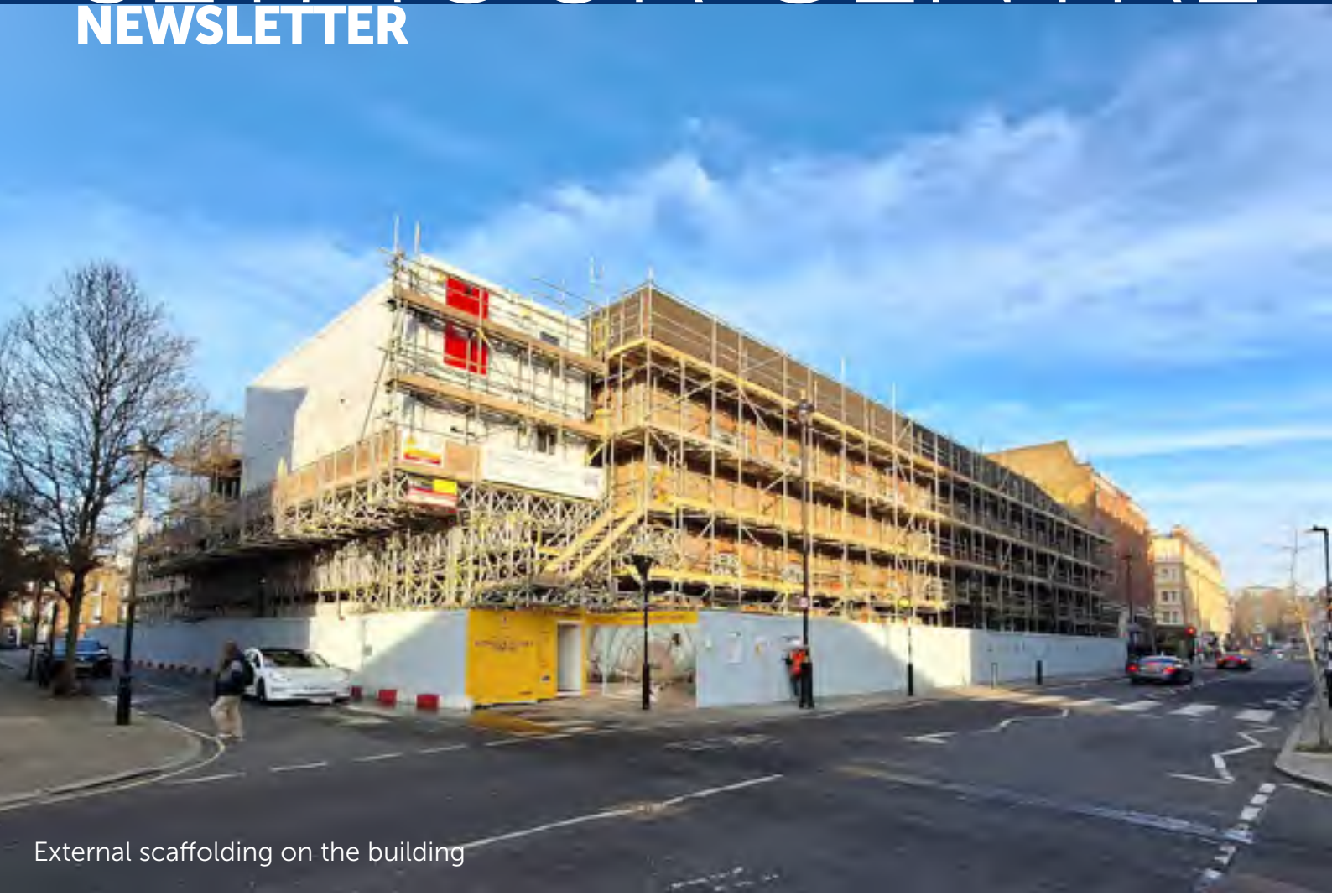
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SEYMOUR CENTRE NEWSLETTER



External scaffolding on the building

Welcome to the third issue of our quarterly newsletter for the Seymour Project where we provide you with useful updates on the works on site.

We are issuing a newsletter every quarter, involving you in the journey of the redevelopment of the Seymour Centre.

WHAT'S IN THIS NEWSLETTER

- Site Works Progress
- Project Updates
- Community Involvement

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SITE WORKS PROGRESS

DEMOLITION AND OTHER WORKS CONTINUE

On site we have continued the demolition works to all areas including the main swimming pool, whilst removing internal existing doors and flooring.

Additionally, we have started work on the alterations to the drainage systems to suit the new room layouts and erecting scaffolding into the pool. This will allow us to undertake surveys and enable high level access works, which include the new rooflight.

Also you will have seen our external scaffolding is now in place, which allow us to refurbish the building facades and undertake roof repairs.



Pool Hall Scaffolding

PROJECT UPDATES

UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION MILESTONES

In the next quarter, we will begin installing the steel frame to support the new Sports Hall at ground level, with the Fitness Gym located below. As part of this phase, we will also be reconfiguring spaces to create the future library area.

Towards the end of March, we will be installing a tower crane, which is essential for progressing the construction efficiently while minimising road closures and disruptions. This installation was slightly delayed due to emergency works by Thames Water in the area.

Additionally, we will begin putting several new lift shafts to enhance accessibility throughout the facility. Roof finishing work will also commence, ensuring the building is fully watertight before we move on to internal fit-outs.

We appreciate your patience and support as we continue to bring these exciting new spaces to life!



New Plant Area



Pool Hall Scaffolding



External Scaffolding

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

SUPPORTING LOCAL CAREERS AND EDUCATION

Investing in Local Talent and Education

Over the last quarter, we have worked closely with 16 Westminster residents, supporting them in successfully completing their work experience placements. These opportunities provide valuable hands-on experience, helping individuals build skills and confidence for their future careers. We're excited to offer even more placements this June, creating further pathways into employment.

In addition, we have been actively engaging with local schools and colleges by hosting Employment, Education, and Training (EET) workshops. Institutions such as Westminster Academy and Westminster Kingsway College have benefited from these sessions, which are designed to equip students with the knowledge and tools they need to navigate their career journeys.



Work Experience Placements



Supporting Residents Career Journeys





Planting Trees for the Microforest

SUPPORTING A GREENER FUTURE

'Creating Tomorrow's Forest' Project and Willmott Dixon contributed to Westminster City Council's new microforest project to improve Westbourne Green Open Space, by helping to plant new trees and enhance the local environment.

The 426 new trees in the microforest can absorb at least 1.26 tonnes of CO_2 per year. That's the same as the emissions from charging over 101,000 smartphones!

By using Miyawaki planting method, trees will grow 10x faster than traditional forests, support 18x more biodiversity and improve air quality, making Westbourne a healthier place to live.

FOLLOW THE JOURNEY

Stay up to date with our project's progress as we hit key milestones along the way. Check out our timeline below to see how far we've come and what's next. Stay updated as we move forward, step by step, toward success!

SEYMOUR PROJECT TIMELINE 2021 - 2026

2021

Initial Architectural Ideas and Appointments

- **March -** Westminster Council commits to the Seymour Leisure Centre project, incorporating the Marylebone library.
- **May -** Make Architects appointed to design initial ideas for the refurbishment.
- **July -** A webinar is held with local residents to discuss early thoughts on the refurbishment.
- **September -** A survey is launched, gathering input from over 640 local residents and users regarding refurbishment preferences.
- **September -** Make Architects appointed as the official architects for the project.

2022

Consultation and Engagement

- **January-February -** Two online webinars are held to present survey findings and provide project updates, attended by over 200 people.
- **May -** Meetings with user groups and workshops to gather requirements for the new centre.
- **June -** Consultation on early design proposals, with over 160 attendees and 50 feedback forms collected.
- **September -** Consultation on developed design proposals, attended by 141 people with 121 surveys returned.

2023

Planning Approval and Design Phase

- **July -** Planning approval received.
  - Contractor appointed for the design phase.
  - Completion of the design phase.
- **July-September -** Preferred Delivery Partner (WDC) appointed.
- **December -** Webinar held by Westminster Council and Everyone Active to update user groups of the timetable. regarding movements of exercise classes.

2024

Closure and Construction Works Start

- **January -** Completion of design phase
- **February -** Closure event for the public
- **June -** Building clear out
- **June -** WDC works commence
  - Demolition and strip out exercise including swimming pool and 15.5 tonnes of timber.
  - Removal of the old pool tank.
  - Removal of non-structural parts of the building such as doors, floors, cabling, etc.
  - Scaffolding framework installed on Bryanston Place.

2025-2026

Ongoing Works and Completion of Project

- **2025 -** Works continue throughout the year.
- **2026* -** By second half of the year, completion of all the construction works.
  - Opening of the newly refurbished centre later in the year.

** Subject to change depending on construction programme*

There are a number of ways you can keep up to date with the project by visiting:

🌐 www.westminster.gov.uk/leisure-libraries-and-community/seymour-centre-project

🌐 www.seymourcentre.commonplace.is

Please see the link to the temporary timetable for classes and FAQS about leisure memberships:

🌐 www.everyoneactive.com/seymour-leisure-centre-closure-faq/



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