Dear Neighbour, welcome to the eleventh construction newsletter for the Silchester Garages Project – a regular notice to keep you informed of the project’s progress. We are also able to provide email updates of planned weekend works, please get in touch if you would like more information.

Project news
The final concrete roof slab was completed on Packenham House at the corner of Shalfleet Drive and the slabs have been installed to the top of each of the concrete cores.

Scaffolding has been erected around Packenham, Shotley and Cheping Houses and window installation has commenced.

The first phase of railway arch renovation works has been completed adjacent to Freston Road.

Basement works are underway at Aleston House on Freston Road and the ground floor slab is almost ready to be poured allowing the main concrete frame to be started and the Community Hub to be built.

Activities for the coming period
Lift installations will be starting within the lift shafts and roofing works will commence. Scaffolding around the main façade will be completed and brickwork will continue. Works on the new Community Hub next to Frinstead House on Freston Road are ongoing.

There is still space on our hoarding for Hoarding Art designs. If you know of a school or community group who would like to take part in our competition please contact Steph at steph.perkin@macegroup.com

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**Topping Out ceremony**

The project held its ‘Topping Out’ ceremony on 30th April to celebrate the final slab being completed on the tallest point on the site, the eighth floor of Cheping House. Topping Out a new building can be traced back to an ancient Scandinavian tradition which was said to protect the building and bring good luck to future occupants.

At Silchester the last part of the slab was filled in by Peabody’s Executive Director of Development, Jeremy Stibbe and Mace Project Director Warren Alexander-Pye followed by other members of the teams involved in the project. The event was also attended by representatives from the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, Architects Howarth Tompkins and subcontractors OCL, RI Works and Adey Steel.

Jeremy said “Peabody has been an agent for social and physical improvement in London for over 152 years, we are delighted to continue that tradition at Silchester working with the Royal Borough to provide beautifully designed homes to rent and buy where people will be proud to live”. Warren added “We feel privileged to be delivering a project that reflects the quality and heritage of the Peabody estate, as well as being part of the first steps towards the regeneration of North Kensington”.

We were blessed with a beautiful sunny day and after the ceremony guests and operatives enjoyed a reception held at the Garden Bar in their wonderful hidden garden.

**Other news**

We are proud to welcome on site one of the UK’s five female Tower Crane Operators!

Irena has been working for HTC Plant Ltd. since mid April and is already a valued member of the team. She commented “A head for heights and a good eye for detail are essential in this role. Equality between men and women on a construction site is based on being good at your job”.

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