## Construction Site Newsletter: 11-16 Upper Dock Street, Newport, February 2022



## Hello Again!

As the Project Managers, TSD Group would like to update you on recent progress made on our construction project at 11-16 Upper Dock Street, to convert upper floors of the buildings to 18 flats for Newport City Homes.

TSD Group has been working with Newport City Homes, the Welsh Government, and Umbra Building Services Ltd, who are the main contractors completing the building work. The current date for completion is now planned to be October2022, due to the Covid 19 Pandemic. The works include upgrading the 5 ground floor retail units with improved shop frontages and interiors that have been developed within this construction phase for the benefit of the area. A new roof is being fitted at present to replace the old leaking one. (see photo right)

There is a Secure Site Compound with temporary power and water supplies, high security motion monitoring CCTV, with scaffolding cameras, intruder alarms and 24hr guarding in place to prevent any break ins, and to protect members of the public and our neighbours from the construction work. The buildings have been fully scaffolded with fire rated sheeting to prevent dust and noise pollution to the neighbours. (see photos below of new windows and new roofs behind the wrappers!)

You will all be pleased to know that the work to complete the exterior of the buildings, behind the scaffolding wrappers is at last completed, and being snagged by the employers. The main contractors have now started to remove the wrappers, and will commence removal of the scaffolding over the next month, returning the street again to its' usual condition. Umbra have fitted new roofs, new rainwater goods, new windows and shopfronts, and have fully cleaned, repaired and repointed the buildings' exteriors. We are now working to complete the interiors in readiness handing over later this year.



Businesses within the buildings remain open as normal throughout the construction works, and access to the ground floor commercial units are in place throughout the construction work: The Coffee Shop, Davies Florists, Thumbelina Clothes, and Carousel Amusement Arcade are all safe to access and open under the lit scaffold. During scaffold removal there may be some pavement closures for safety.

If you have any enquiries or problems, please get in contact

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We are continuing to engage with the local community, to fund some valuable projects within Newport. Umbra Building Services have previously donated to **The Gap Wales**, and **Bethel Community Church**. Next month we will be donating some additional funding to **The Stow Hill Community Centre** as part of our commitment to aid the local community.



Presentation of cheques to The Gap Wales' new 'Bike hub' project, which supports sustainable transport in Newport and is soon to open its' new 'bike park' on Skinner Street. (see photo left)



Presentation of cheques to Bethel Community Church has also been made, to aid them in providing homelessness and refugee aid locally on Stow Hill. (see photo right)

The project is jointly funded by Newport City Homes and the Welsh Government in order to provide affordable, safe, secure, highly efficient lifetime homes in Newport, for local people.

As a group we are passionate about saving our planet. We reduce waste going to landfill. We reuse materials wherever possible and re or up-cycle what cannot be reused. So far over 86% of our construction waste has been recycled or reused.

Covid-19 Pandemic and Brexit are still affecting us all. As a group we are making sure that all individually follow the latest government guidance on Covid-19 to keep the workers and public healthy and safe.

## **Comment Section:**

We value our neighbours and the local community. To ensure that your lives are as easy as possible during the construction phase. We would love to hear your feedback, both positive and negative so we can continue to improve. Please feel free to email: <a href="mailto:admin@tsdgroup.org">admin@tsdgroup.org</a>

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