

NEW HOSPITAL DEVELOPMENT – NOVEMBER 2008

The attached aerial photographs were taken on 20th November 2008 at the beginning of construction week 34, the commencement being 26th March 2008

Progress is summarised as follows:

- Finger 4 which the most Easterly aspect of the new hospital has the concrete frame completed to roof level in readiness for the steel framed structure of the plant room to be erected. Internally the installation of drainage is in progress, as are the services installation to lower levels P1 & P2 below ground floor, this work entails the installation of prefabricated modular pipe racks and cable trays, ductwork and lagging. Block work walls are in construction on lower level P3. The external brickwork has just commenced marking the start of the external envelope.
- Finger 3 - the concrete frame is constructed to lower level P1 with the columns being erected to underside of Ground floor level.
- Finger 2 - the concrete frame has commenced with the 1st lift of columns completed.
- Finger 1 - the most Westerly aspect has the concrete frame completed to third floor level with the formwork in progress for the roof slab. The installation of internal drainage is progressing as are the services installation on lower levels P1 & P2 with the installation of prefabricated modular pipe racks and cable trays, ductwork and lagging.
Internal block work is in progress to the loading bay area.
- Partition head tracks are being set out and positioned on many of the available levels, these tracks identify the partitions locations but more importantly provide the routes for the service racks and services.
- The staircase and lift shaft structural cores to each of the blocks are virtually all finished.
- Excavations and initial foundation work has commenced on the high level part of the hospital that will link the fingers together.
- The initial LOR site accommodation at the front of the site has now been removed to make way for the ground works to the new multi-storey car park that will be is at the front of the site on the Western side by Tonbridge Road.
- The new LOR 3 storey site welfare block has been commissioned and is in full operation. This enlarged facility will cater for the increasing number of LOR operatives estimated to peak at around 1,100.

- The FM Road at the South of the site is now in full operation for construction traffic. There is a covered walkway that runs along the side of the FM road to the new welfare facilities and the site office accommodation.
- A Contractors compound has been constructed at the end of the FM Road.
- The new sewage pump station will be commissioned at the end of November 2008 will serve old hospital and then the new hospital.
- Tonbridge road improvements are scheduled complete early December 2008.