

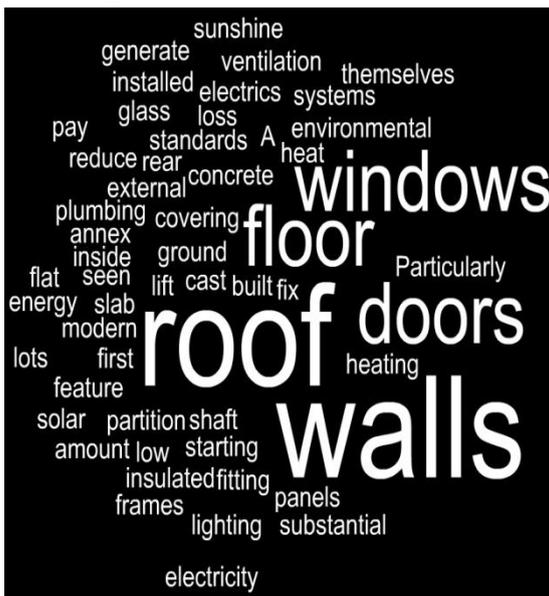
People

As we near the beginning of Phase 2 the excitement is building in every direction. At Ashley Road we are understanding that transition to the Spire is edging forwards. A Thanksgiving service is planned for 27th September and being arranged by the Guild members - some of whom have been here since birth. There are many aspects of leaving a building which has been home for so long and so it is with great care that we approach this time. Do let the Guild or Christine le Poidevin know if there are things you would like included. Great too that Rev Peter Cornick - one of our own home grown ministers - is leading that time of worship. Down at the Spire bookings - some of a long term nature - are being sought and settled. Word is going round now and the requests are increasing daily. We welcome one of our partners, EDAS, who will be in the interview room for two afternoons a week every week. We have started a User Group which was very positive about working in The Spire. If you'd like to keep up to date with our partners and who is in the Spire there is a list available. Just ask!

Money

We have been highlighting our Gift Day for some time, but now it is nearly upon us, 4th July at The Spire. Publicity for this event is now appearing, through posters and leaflets. Please look out for information about the day and pass leaflets or information on to friends and other people who you know are interested in our project. A grant application workshop was held on 16th June and was well attended. It is still not too late to offer to help with this important task. Grants will still form a major part in raising the final monies we need to complete the redevelopment of The Spire. With phase 2 nearing completion and the ground floor of The Spire coming into full use the above fundraising efforts become ever more important. Please support this work in any way you can.

Building words!



This last month has seen the walls virtually completed, the lift shaft built and the concrete ground floor slab cast. Work on the roof covering should be starting very soon as will the fitting of external windows and doors when they arrive on site. At the same time, work on the inside partition walls will begin followed by the "first fix" of plumbing and electrics.

The rear annex is being built to the full modern environmental standards meaning that floor, roof, and walls are all insulated, whilst windows and doors feature low heat loss glass. The heating, lighting, and ventilation systems to be installed also have features to reduce the amount of energy used. The flat roof of the annex will have quite a large array of solar panels. These panels will sit on very low angle "A" frames and hence be virtually invisible from the street. Particularly as we are in the south of England and therefore have lots of sunshine, (the statistics say so, so it must be true!) the array will generate a substantial amount of electricity and are projected to pay for themselves in about 8 years

Redevelopment News Bulletin 30 will be available from Sunday 19th July

Can you help? Fundraising - Gift Day and grant applications - see Eifron or the stewards. Be part of the 'building team' looking after practical issues at The Spire – see Pete.

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