

Bouygues UK are delighted to be appointed preferred contractor by Carmarthenshire County Council to deliver Zone 1 of the Pentre Awel project which will consist of the following– business, education, research, leisure and health facilities to provide transformational social and economic benefits to people in the region.

This is the first of our newsletters, which will hopefully provide an informative note on our activities throughout the duration of works. We will also have an active Social Responsibility agenda where we will interact with the local residents, schools and colleges, local communities and associated third party stakeholders.

We are currently in the pre-construction stage, and this is what we have undertaken to date and have planned over the coming period.

Site Investigation Works

March 2022

To progress detailed design and ‘enable’ the project in readiness for main contract works to commence in Autumn 2022 site investigation works were undertaken primarily to the south of Dafen Lake and consisted of bore holes and trial pits as per the location plan (see below).

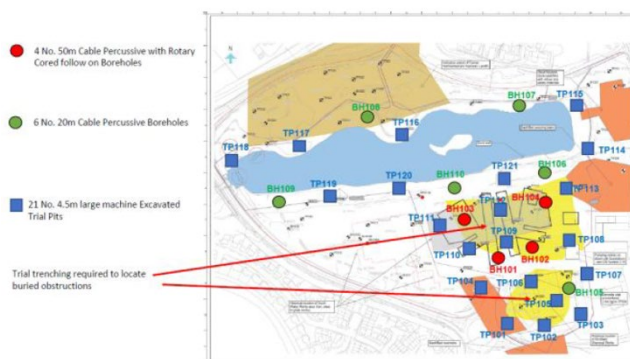


Image above: Trial pits and bore hole locations

Proposed timeline

Site clearance: Within red line boundary (in conjunction with Ecology Clerk of Works watching brief)

(w/c 7th March – w/c 21st March)

Undertake site investigation works

(w/c 21st March – w/c 8th April)

Erect reptile fencing and translocate findings

(w/c 18th April – 12th August)

Bat, otter and water vole survey to the dock wall

(w/c 6th June)

Erect Perimeter security hoarding & fencing

(w/c 11th July)

Divert existing services

(w/c 18th July)

Commence Enabling works

(22nd August – 31st October)

Before these investigative works commenced, the vegetation was removed to within the red line reptile fence boundary (see plan on right), where the permanent works are to be constructed.

Note: During the site clearance, to ensure compliance with the environmental constraints associated with the project and prior to any clearance works being undertaken, we worked closely with the Ecologist due to the timings of the bird nesting season.

The plan, on the right, shows the extent of mature trees and shrubbery that have been removed (shaded in red) during this initial site clearance activity.

Upon completion of the site investigation works, the reptile containment fence was erected, which allowed for any reptiles found to be re relocated. Further bat, otter and water vole surveys have been undertaken adjacent to the dock walls so we can identify their presence and protect their habitats during the construction period.

The above activities will ensure the site is cleared of any reptiles and vegetation within the building footprint ready for the perimeter security hoarding fence to be installed.

The hoarding installation will be the first clear signs of construction work on the project and will be closely followed by machinery activity from 22nd August to undertake the re-profiling of the ground and associated ground works in readiness for piling works to commence in November.

Please let us know if you do experience issues or would like more information on the project:

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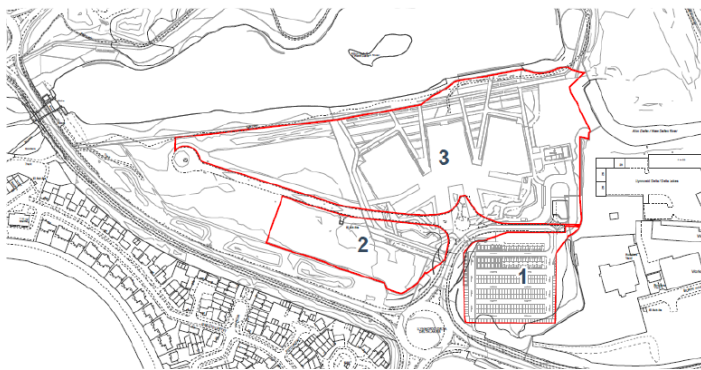


Image above: Areas of vegetation to be removed.



Image above: Shrubby clearance areas

Updates

- Pre-commencement services are continuing to progress in line with the agreed programme.
- Stage 3 information is being developed in to detailed design in readiness to be market tested.
- Planning reserved matters have been reviewed and responded to for formal approval and closure together with identified pre-commencement conditions including associated 3rd party permits and consents
- Stopping up notices have been issued to existing public rights of way
- Want to know more about Pentre Awel? Please visit: carmarthenshire.gov.wales/



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