With all the ground works and site preparations complete you will start to see the new district taking shape. All concrete contractors are now on site along with the required tower cranes and work is commencing on the first phase of buildings.

**PLANNING UPDATE**

Approval has now been granted by Tower Hamlets Council for the detailed design of Development Plots D1, D2 (RM06), F2, H1, H2 and H3 (RM02).

Reserved Matters RM07 and RM08 have also been approved; these are for the Montgomery Bridge, which will provide a road link from the site to Montgomery Square and a pontoon with houseboat moorings in the Blackwall Basin.

The submission of the next application for reserved matters (RM09) for the new Primary School at building H2 will be submitted in spring.

**ACCESS**

Access through the construction site remains closed. The road box which will form the main route through the site is now visible and this work progresses on schedule.

In the interim we have introduced the Coldharbour Shuttle bus service to help local residents travel between Preston’s Road and Canary Wharf more conveniently. This free service runs Monday - Friday during the peak hours 6-10am and 4-8pm. The timetable will vary slightly during the scheduled closure of Marsh Wall by National Grid at the end of March, for up to date information please visit: canarywharf.com/getting-here/pedestrian-and-cycle-routes/.

We continue to look for other possible solutions which will help people while the pathway is closed.
CONSTRUCTION UPDATE
To the west of the site all the reclamation, bulk excavation, piling and foundations for the new basements have been completed. Six tower cranes are now on site and the first five residential buildings are now at ground level or above.

The new marine deck to the southern edge is also complete; this will form part of the accessible promenade and landscaped area surrounding the buildings when complete but during the construction stage this will form a key delivery and access route.

Works on the road box, which will form part of the main road through the site are progressing, with the main structure complete and the utilities to Cartier Circle and Preston’s Road continuing. These utilities include all new incoming power for the development, electric, gas, water and communication cabling.

To date the site has produced over 440,000 tonnes of waste, 95% of this has been soil excavated in preparation for the construction of the basement areas. We have partnered with the Land Logical Partnership and have been able to take some of the soil to the former Blue Circle Chalk Pit in Dartford which is being restored to create a new public amenity space with recreational facilities.

COMING UP
Over the next few months you will see the cores for buildings A2, A3 and E2 rising. The method of construction used for these buildings allows the floor plates to be constructed slightly behind the core, so they will begin to rise simultaneously.

The crane for building A1 will also soon be installed.
ENVIRONMENT
In November we received an unexpected visitor in the form of a woodcock who is believed to have crash landed on his migratory route to the UK. A short rest on our project office barges and he was whisked off by the RSPCA to recover before being successfully released.

The New District will play a vital role in the wider Canary Wharf Biodiversity Action Plan with a total area of over 4,000m² of green and brown roofs and will support the creation of aquatic habitats and ecology sanctuaries through features such as ecology islands and fish nurseries.

CLEAN AIR CAMPAIGN
We are pleased to be participating in the London Borough of Tower Hamlet’s ‘Clean Air Campaign’. This campaign is intended to increase the public’s awareness of air pollution and what can be done to tackle it. Canary Wharf Contractors will be targeting idle vehicles on site and working with our supply chain to reduce emissions. This will be the first Clean Air Campaign to be held on a construction site. Look out for further information via our onsite media screens!

COMMUNITY
Plans are now well underway for an ‘Ecogarden’ to be installed in the north-eastern perimeter of the site. We are working with students from Our Lady and St Josephs Primary School, Poplar, to help design and plant the area which will enhance biodiversity in the immediate vicinity.

We are keen to work with more primary schools in the area on this project. If you would like to recommend a school please contact Anthony on the details below.

MILESTONES
In November 2016 the project achieved a significant milestone, achieving one million work hours without a Lost Time Accident. This is largely due to the effort and commitment that the team puts into health and safety every day. This fantastic achievement has been two years in the making and it is the first time that CWC have reached this milestone from project inception.

The project also achieved a RoSPA (Royal Society for the prevention of Accidents) Gold award, the project will be entered into the awards programme each year until we achieve practical completion on site.

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