

21st July 2023

BFT Mastclimbing

Since our previous progress update, Starfish Construction are happy to confirm the appointment of a new mast supplier, BFT Mastclimbing. BFT Mastclimbing will be providing mast climbers to all Blocks at St Georges Island going forward.

Block 1 – Access Equipment and Commencement of Works

The installation of access equipment and the commencement of works to Block 1 is progressing well. Thank you to all residents for your ongoing patience and cooperation. Below is a breakdown of the current progress and timescales for the access equipment.

Mast Climbers:

We currently have 5 out of 6 mast climbers installed, and therefore you may have seen that Operatives have begun the process of removing the terracotta tile system. The remaining mast climber on the North elevation will be installed on week commencing 31st July, following the Hoist Tower and Hoist installation.

A photograph of the 3 mast climbers, and the removal of the Terracotta tile system on the North Elevation Block 1.



Haki Staircases

The Haki staircases which are required as a means of emergency exit for Operatives working on the balcony area are now fully installed on both the East and West elevations. The Haki staircases are fitted with scaffold alarms which are monitored 24/7 to prevent unauthorised access. The East Haki staircase which is ground floor based, has been boarded and fitted with lockable access. We have also installed lockable hoarding as an additional security measure to control access to the North elevation of the building.



A photograph of the Haki Staircase on the West elevation of Block 1.



A photograph of the Hoarding to the North elevation of the building to prevent unauthorised access into this area. The hoarding will be painted in dry weather.

Hoist Towers & Hoists

We have commenced building the hoist tower and platforms to the West elevation of the building. The hoist platforms will be used along with the Hoist to access and work on the balcony areas. We will commence building the hoist tower on the East elevation week commencing 24th July 2024. The hoists will be installed week commencing 24th July 2023.



Photographs of the hoist tower and platforms on the West elevation of Block 1. The timber platforms are where the Operatives will exit the Hoist and access the balcony areas.

Block 2 – Access Equipment and Temporary Works

Enabling works to the soft landscape areas of Block 2 in preparation for the access equipment is now complete. The removal and disturbance of any soft landscaping, shrubbery and trees will be reinstated on completion of Block 2 remediation works. Below is an update on the current and next stages of works to Block 2.

Balcony Light Disconnections

Temporary works to apartments has commenced and we are currently undertaking the removal of balcony lights. Thank you to all residents who have made arrangements for the Electrician to attend. If you have not yet arranged the removal of your balcony lights, please contact me on the details listed at the bottom of page 3.

Soffit Board Removal and Haki Staircases

A haki staircase will be installed to the East and West Elevations of Block 2. The haki staircase will be built outside of the apartment balcony area and those residents affected will have received direct communication regarding the work, and access requirements for the soffit boards to be removed. Again, thank you to all residents who have made arrangements for the Operatives to attend.

Installation of Mast Climbers – South Elevation

On Monday 24th July 2023, the delivery of two mast climbers will take place and we will begin the installation of the mast climbers on the South elevation (gable end of the building closest to Block 3). This work will take approximately one week to complete. Operatives have today installed grey track mats on the grassed area at the front of Block 2 leading to the South elevation, in preparation for the telehandler to deliver the mast equipment to this location. The track mats will be removed on completion of the work.

We apologise to residents in advance for the noise and disturbance this work may cause.



Photographs of the track mats temporarily installed at Block 2.

Scaffold Installation – North Elevation

On Tuesday 25th July, we will begin to install the scaffold platform to the North elevation of Block 2. During this time, there may be disruption for vehicles and pedestrians when passing through this area. We kindly ask that you follow Site instructions and wait for the Site Marshal to advise you when it is safe to pass. We will also be working on this area on Saturday 29th August 2023 between the hours of 8:00am and 1:00pm.

Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation.

As part of our commitment to the environment, we have designed the scaffold platform to go above the existing tree so it can remain in this location. We will continue to monitor the growth of the tree and water it regularly with the expectation that the underground roots will continue to thrive.



A photograph of the North elevation where the scaffolding will be installed.

We would like to thank all residents for their ongoing cooperation.

Should you have any questions or concerns about the cladding remediation work, please don't hesitate to contact the Resident Liaison Officer, Melissa Buckley on the below details.

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