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02 October 2013

Work continued to landscape and form the roads and parking areas, with lorries delivering hardcore and the piles of soil being attacked by diggers and trucks.



The lift has been delivered and installed - but it will not work until the electricity has been connected which will be a few weeks more. Plaster boarding re-commenced on the upper floor.



07 October 2013

The windows and doors arrived on 7th and were already being fitted. Land forming continued and the size of the car park was becoming apparent, what an asset it will be for Battle to have somewhere free to park off road when going to a community event!



Skanska, the electrical utility contractors have started work with traffic lights at the Harrier Lane bend. The traffic lights appeared to be promptly sensitive to approaching traffic and were not there long so hopefully were not be too much of a nuisance to local residents, but we do, of course, apologise to those who live on the estate for any noise and disruption, which we always hope will be of as short a duration as possible.

12 October 2013

Progress was being made on laying in the three phase electrical supply. The picture taken from the junction of Harrier Lane and Falconers Drive shows this work and also the earth-moving to form the car parks and access routes. Lorry loads of hardcore are being shipped in to create the surfaces. Work on this was vulnerable to the weather and heavy rain slows progress. As predicted last week the windows and doors were installed and this makes the building weather-proof, so that internal work can be progressed.



16 October 2013

The fascias of the roof and down pipes are being finished off. Externally work progressed when weather allowed and large parts of the future car parks had hard core laid. Gabions (retaining structures) are being filled with stone to support the edges of car parks. Internal work progressed with finishing plaster boarding and plaster finishing in the main rooms on the upper level and stairs were negotiable. The three phase electricity supply was complete, but not yet connected via a meter, and gas and water mains were nearly ready for connection. Internal doors were being installed and some kitchen units had been delivered ready for fitting.





22 October 2013

Ailsa and Nigel Vinson visited the site today (in the rain!) and viewed the building with new eyes. Ailsa commented: "I was intrigued by the amount of pervading feminine curves, everywhere, every wall. There are very few right angles in the whole building! This gave food for thought: Jesus being our alpha and omega in creation and now, or as Buzz Lightyear would say in 'infinity and beyond', releasing to the space a timelessness which is so appropriate in an ancient historic town such as Battle.

Although a modern building, its space, light and calm evoke a charming, homely, welcoming atmosphere in the coffee lounge and foyer. The design of the windows upstairs creates interest, space and light with the added resurrection significance and emphasis of the cross window in the main hall. It is odd to think that the downstairs floor buttresses the hill and soil above as the design still feels airy and not the least subterranean! I was also impressed with the workers that I saw who were all engaged and working hard with intensity – what a legacy to claim that you contributed to building a new Church in Battle - how often do special projects like this come up?

The setting in semi-rural area likewise gives a feeling of serenity and the view from the tower over Battle is panoramic. This is a special place with an original and to me, nautical design that will steer us onward towards God's service for the benefit of our

community. Spread the word, this is going to be a exciting and relevant addition to Battle's heritage!"

23 October 2013

Kitchen units were being fitted and plastering was virtually complete in the main rooms. Externally the weather continued to cause problems and frustrated progress as there was heavy intermittent rain. Preparation was being made to the tower to allow it to be clad in larch wood. The long gabion between the car park and upper levels had been filled and another gabion was being constructed near the road to allow the parking level to be raised.

Curbing to the west side of the access road was being laid between rain showers. The final part of the gas main was being laid under Harrier Lane.



31 October 2013

The end of another month. Clearly a difficult month for the contractors because of the very mixed weather with heavy rain at times. But the road is now in to the top of the site where there are handicapped parking places and a turning point.

The second gabion has been completed ready for finalising the levels of the main car park.

