



Wednesday 29 September 2021

Dear Neighbour,

I'm writing to you to ensure that, as someone who lives close to, has a business nearby, or currently uses the car park of the Madras School campus on South Street, you are kept closely informed of our planned development activities on the site.

**The University of St Andrews will take possession of the site from Fife Council on Friday 1 October 2021.**

**In time, we will develop a New College at this location, providing a home for some of our social science and arts Schools, and ensuring that the site continues to be used for the purposes of world-leading education.**

Our immediate priority when we take possession, will be to make the site as safe and secure as possible. We understand the risks this type of site brings and we want to make sure it is managed in a way that minimises the risk of harm to individuals or damage to property. We plan to use a mixture of physical measures such as fencing, window shuttering and CCTV combined with regular security patrols. You will see evidence of this immediately after the handover of the site on 1 October.

Over the coming weeks and months, during working hours our staff and contractors will be on site carrying out minor preparatory works. Some major demolition work will be required at the rear of the site, but we are not expecting this to take place until early next year, and we will keep you fully informed of that timetable.

To ensure the safety of both personnel and the site itself, the University has made the decision to temporarily close the car park to the north of the site which is accessible from South Street. Signs will be erected advising this.

**If you see anything untoward or anything that concerns you in regards to the property please contact either the University Security and Response Team (01334 468999), the Police, or the University Estates team on 01334 463999 and [estates@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:estates@st-andrews.ac.uk) depending on the circumstances.**

**We aim to keep you fully informed of our plans for the site and its development, and hope to arrange private tours and information sessions for our neighbours in the weeks and months ahead. If you have any specific questions on this, please do not hesitate to contact me at [community@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:community@st-andrews.ac.uk)**

In the meantime, thank you for your patience and understanding. We look forward to creating a new and exciting University space that we hope the community will also enjoy.

Kind Regards,

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Community Engagement and Social Responsibility Officer

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