

PUREY CUST REDEVELOPMENT - NEWS UPDATE

December 2011

Since the last Newsletter which was issued in mid-September, work on site started in earnest and on schedule in early October. Those visiting the centre of York may have noticed the frantic activity levels since! The south western end of the site was cleared to facilitate the installation of the site offices, and the scaffolding went up on the front elevation. The Brierley building has now been re-roofed, and where possible the original rosemary tiles have been salvaged and re-used, thus helping to retain the mellow appearance of this handsome period building.



Front Elevation October 2011



Re-roofing October 2011

There has also been considerable demolition work at the rear of the site, with the removal of the operating theatres, and other additions, many dating from the 1980's. This has obviously resulted in some temporary gaps in the original brickwork, but has had the immediate advantage of opening up the rear of the site, and allowing more light in to both the rear of the building, and what will be the courtyard gardens. When work is completed the rear elevation will once again, to all intents and purposes, look as Walter Brierley originally intended it.



Rear Elevation November 2011



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Less apparent to the casual passer-by has been the extensive work going on inside the building. This has included stripping out the plant rooms, lifts, suspended ceilings and stud walls...in essence taking the building back to its original layout and proportions, and at the same time uncovering many of the handsome and elegant features that Brierley designed, but which have remained unseen for so many years. We arranged for members of The York Civic Trust to visit the site in November, thus giving them the opportunity to see the work at closer quarters, and view for themselves some of the features that are being revealed as the renovation and refurbishment of this unique building progresses.



An original fireplace surround



View from The Minster Tower

At the current rate of progress it is anticipated that the target of launching the first phase of the development, namely the three apartments and Stafford House in May/June 2012 will be met, with the launch of Markham House and Layton House to follow in late 2012/early 2013.

Any queries regarding the development should be addressed to Philippa Faith (Development Liaison) using the contact details below, and may we take this opportunity of wishing you all a very happy Christmas, and a peaceful and prosperous 2012.



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