Bognor Regis Town Council

KEEPING YOU UPDATED ON THE PROGRESS OF THE NEW CINEMA



A SPECIAL LIGHTWEIGHT WATERPROOF SHEETING IS APPLIED TO THE DECKING



THE NEW EXTENSION ABUTS THE GUTTER LINE OF THE EXISTING CINEMA



BIRDCAGE SCAFFOLDING USED TO PROVIDE SAFE ACCESS WHEN INSTALLING ROOF JOISTS

PICTUREDROME CINEMA PROGRESS REPORT



No! This is not a scene from Raiders of the Lost Ark, it's a shot of the roofline showing the supports required for the mechanical ventilation system alongside ducts for cables and other utilities.

Following the last newsletter, the first-floor slab and stairs were poured which was very awkward and time-consuming due to the tight access for a suitable concrete pump. However, pouring the first-floor slab was an excellent milestone to get to before breaking for Christmas.

On 2nd January contractors returned to site fully refreshed and the scaffolders began to install the "birdcage" scaffold that provides safe access to the carpenters when installing the roof joists. When the carpenters arrived and complete, began constructing the roof structure starting with the flat roof over the toilet area and then onto the screen 4 auditorium roof. Several working days were lost during this period due to some terrible weather. However, the roof structure was completed on 26th January, ready for the roof coverings to commence on 29th January.

Also, during this time, the ground workers battled with some very muddy conditions to install the ramp foundations and storm drainage around the outside of the building. When complete they prepared the ground for the scaffolder who returned to install a perimeter scaffold that will be used during the installation of the rain screen cladding.

Next Steps

Over the coming weeks the roof covering will be completed, and the special external wall cladding will be fixed to the steel. Once weatherproof, the internal partition walls will be constructed. The building is now moving forward extremely well in spite of some terrible weather conditions and, although 12 weeks behind the original planned completion date due to the discovery of asbestos, Cheesmur the main contractor are confident that the building will be completed in early June ready for the school summer holidays.

We are all looking forward to completion of this exciting project and to the grand opening of the new screen at the Picturedrome Cinema when we can all enjoy...



Wooden roof decking being applied







The above pictures clearly shows the size of the new cinema screen