



# Deer Park School

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## Build Update 30 November 2018

### Works Progress

The Tower Crane is now a visible local landmark site having arrived on 19th October. Works have continued throughout November on the substructure for Deer Park school and Lidl with the piling in October now a distant (albeit noisy) memory.



### Programme

We were very disappointed to hear from the Department for Education (DFE) that Lidl have confirmed that they have fallen behind their planned programme of works. They are hoping that their contractors Kier can make up the time that they have lost.

Unfortunately as a result of Lidl's site delays it now looks like we will have to remain in situ for beyond next September until Christmas 2019. We know that this will be a disappointment to you. The technical team at the DFE are reviewing the information that Lidl are providing to them and as soon as we have more information, we will provide a further update.

More positively, we hear from colleagues at the DFE that Lidl have reassured them that they intend to try and accelerate Kier's programme to allow us to open as planned in 2019 at the latest by the return to school after the Christmas holiday. Lidl are very conscious of the potential impact of such delays on children's education and are keen to minimise this.

Kier's site team have kindly offered to come along and present to the children at a pre-Christmas assembly to explain how well they are getting on with building their new school. We continue to actively involve pupils in the building process.

### Temporary Facilities for Deer Park School from September until Christmas 2019

Earlier this week BPET met with the ESFA and colleagues at Richmond College (RHACC) to flag up the challenge posed to the school by Lidl's delay in programme which as mentioned above we have now had formally confirmed.

Colleagues at RHACC have been supportive to us during our temporary occupation of their site. The DFE's technical advisers will be looking at how best to provide a backstop plan to find us more space if Lidl do not meet their target of getting back on track with their published programme.

We will update you when a final proposal has been agreed upon.