

PIAZZA EXPRESS



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An Interserve Newsletter for University of York

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The Interserve team will be arriving on site at the University of York on 22nd August to start work on the new Piazza Building. The £17m three-storey development on the university's Heslington East Campus will house teaching facilities and learning spaces including a 350 seat auditorium, lecture theatre and restaurant across 6,800m².

Throughout the project Interserve will provide regular newsletters and communications so that you know what's happening on site. We will also be tweeting using the hashtag #piazza which you can follow to see what the site looks like behind the hoardings.

The site hoarding will be going up from Monday 22nd August, this will take approximately three weeks and then the graphics will be added over the following fortnight. So by the end of September it should look like the images below and right. There will still be access from Ron Cooke down to Lakeside Way bus stop around the edge of the site.

Deliveries will be coming to site via a gatehouse near the Energy Centre, where the vehicles will be held until the site is ready to receive them. They will then head to site on a designated route between Langwith and Constantine Colleges, by the basketball court.

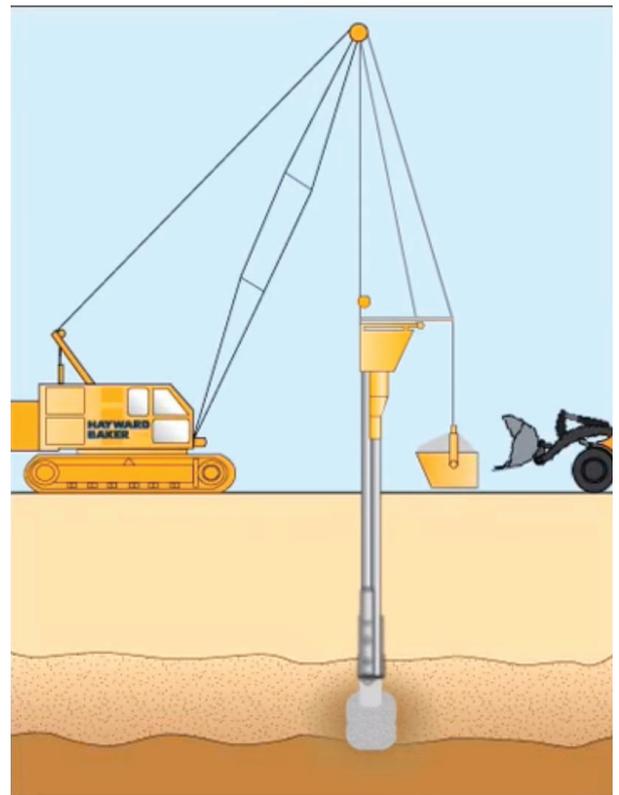
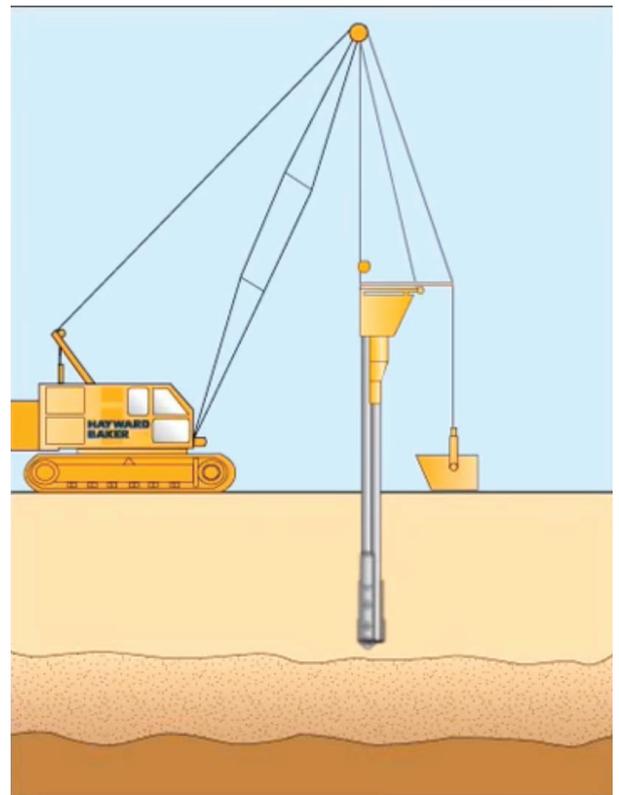
The Interserve site offices will be located in a self-contained compound next to the existing substation on what is currently marshland. From Monday 22nd August we will have some small machines on site preparing the site compound area, putting in drainage, water, electrical supplies etc. The cabins will be delivered over the course of week commencing Monday 12th September so please be aware of these large vehicles on campus.

Monday 5th September all the large machinery will be arriving to start the initial groundworks on the footprint of the new building. Once this initial 'muckshift' is completed piling will commence on 19th September.



What is piling?

Piles are a type of foundation that are put in the ground below a building to transfer the load of the structure and allow the weight to be evenly distributed. The type of piling that is being used for Piazza is Vibro Compaction, a process that is generally used in fully saturated and very weak soils. The vibrator is suspended from a crane and lowered vertically into the soil under its own weight, aided by water jets. This essentially forms pockets that are then filled with small stones. This creates stability and allows the water to drain away, helping to lower the water table. This process can be seen in this animation <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bh7TielxrWE> and this video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cebTO6hCj2o>



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