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“Construction is the art of making a meaningful whole out of many parts”

Peter Zumthor

Interior Design

HOK, the interior design consultants we are working with on the project, have provided a range of conceptual drawings for the office interior.



The image above indicates how the reception area will be laid out. Draft layouts for each floor have also been produced and the drawing below shows the café, which will also serve as an area for informal meetings between staff.



Eden Events

‘Eden Express’ events were held in early March for staff at Bookpoint and LBS. Team members were available for staff to ask any questions about the project. Further detail of the office design was on show and the automated goods to person picking process was demonstrated.



The next Client Day for the group’s third party distribution customers will be held on 27th April and will include an update on project progress and transition plans.

Construction Update



Following the completion of the roof and exterior walls, the warehouse is now weather-proof and this has allowed internal construction work to start.

Final preparations are being made in readiness for the creation of the warehouse floor, which will be laid during April.



Goods-in doors have been built and there will be twenty bays to take deliveries and despatch stock.



A range of high-level services are being installed during April, including power cables, lighting and a public address system.

Meet the Project Team

Peter Quartley

Communications Lead



Peter has a wide range of experience in the book industry, having worked at Waterstones, Ottakar’s and Hodder & Stoughton before his current role as Head of Publishing Solutions in the Hachette IT team.

On the project, he acts as communications lead where he oversees stakeholder engagement and produces the monthly newsletter updates.

Alan Rakes

The project team wishes Hachette Distribution’s inventory director Alan Rakes a very happy retirement following his departure at the end of March.

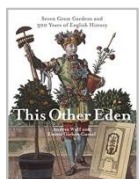


Alan worked for 27 years across Bookpoint and LBS and made a significant contribution to the early stages of Project Eden.

Peter Quartley will now lead the engagement with the change partners from the Hachette UK publishing divisions.

Eden Reading

Eagle-eyed Julie Herbert from the project team has found a book from our own lists with Eden in the title.



This Other Eden by Andrea Wulf and Emma Gieben-Gamal was originally published in 2005 by Little, Brown and is a popular history of seven English gardens, spanning a 300-year period.