

“High achievement always takes place in the framework of high expectation”

Charles Kettering



Construction Update

Building work on the new site continues at pace. The main framework of the new warehouse is being assembled. Once this is complete in mid-February, work will begin on making the structure watertight.

Roof cladding is being put up to allow for the construction of steelwork for the building’s offices to take place. The offices will be located at the rear of the picture above, on the left hand side.

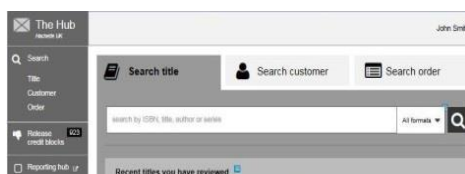
Service trenches were dug last year and pipes for water, gas, electricity and telecommunications are now being laid in preparation for the installation of services next month.

We have also recently engaged with HOK, the firm of consultants who were used for the interior design of Carmelite House. They will help to bring the Hachette company feel into the design of the office space, meeting rooms and reception areas of the warehouse.

Publisher Application

Business Process Owner Matt Griffin is working on an application that will be the main interface into the SAP Order to Cash system for staff from the publishing divisions.

A prototype (part of which can be seen in the image below) was presented to business representatives in January and the design is being updated following their feedback. Further discussions will take place in February as the design is refined.



Systems Update

To replace Vista, the project will introduce new Order to Cash and Warehouse Management systems. It is important that we have a stable technical platform when we undertake the development, testing and data migration to mitigate any risks to the delivery of the programme.

To support this, we are limiting changes to our current systems (which include Biblio, SAP Finance and Vista) to essential work only. This restriction will remain in place until the core work on the new systems is complete, which is expected to be in late 2017.

During this process, we will of course continue to provide technical support for our current systems as normal.

Meet the Team

Ron Jury

Programme Test Manager

Ron joined the Hachette team at the beginning of February.



He will be responsible for all of the software testing across the programme. His role includes the ownership of the test strategy and creation of a test plan for each systems component of the project including Order to Cash and the Warehouse Management Systems.

Ron has extensive experience with major systems implementations and has worked with companies including Tesco Bank, Barclaycard and Visa Europe.

Where’s Eden?

We’ve had a great response from staff across the group on spotting unusual places where the name Eden can be found.



From Hachette Australia, Louise Sherwin-Stark has pointed out that Eden is a picturesque town in New South Wales (with its own killer whale museum) and Michael Swarbrick has found a water irrigation supplier in the Blue Mountains.

Sam Stenlake from LBS has also spotted an American canned foods manufacturer.

Many thanks to everyone who sent in a suggestion!

