

NCH IN D8

[Residents Alliance Group](#) March 2020

The Government has published a list of workers who provide an “essential service” and can therefore continue to go to work despite restrictions introduced on Friday 27th.

Among the list of professions included are farmers, farm labourers, manufacturers of food and beverage products and construction workers involved in “essential health and related projects” relevant to the coronavirus crisis.

However construction workers have been restricted to those involved in “essential health and related projects” relevant to the pandemic.

BAM Interpretation of this Government Directive is below;

“The further advice issued by the Government on the evening of 28th March 2020 states:

In exceptional circumstances, it is accepted that some extra time will be needed for a wind down of activity, or necessary for a site to continue to operate at a reduced level of activity, for example in complex manufacturing processes or very large construction projects.

On foot of this further Government direction, BAM intend to continue to operate the NCH project.

All BAM staff and workers involved in the construction works will continue working on site for the progressing of the works. For the BAM NCH staff that are not directly involved in the construction works, they will comply with the current Government shutdown and work from home.”

Further clarification of what “progressing” this project means received the following statement;

“concrete pours and power floating continuing i.e. constructing the frame. Soil excavation and removal also as per Fridays notification.”



NCH Site 30/03/20

This is a site in the city centre located on the grounds of a major hospital which intends to continue to allow workers travel together on a daily basis in spite of their proximity to the public and essential medical resources.

The interpretation of the Government guidance is clear - you either wind down or you continue at a reduced level of activity.

BAM should show a reduction of on-site construction workers either to the point of winding down, or to the minimum level required to progress a limited number of key aspects of the construction that cannot be delayed. Decision as to what should continue should be based on a risk assessment that seeks to minimise the number of staff on site with associated journeys and interactions with local community, for the period of national lockdown.

