

## Premises Committee Report 2014-2015

The ownership of the building at 147 Banbury Road was transferred to OBC CIO on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014. Planning permission for an extension had been obtained and our architect Sarah Murray Smith had conducted a tender exercise for the construction. The builders responding had made their proposals based on getting access from the rear of the property.

In early 2015 we technically started the building by digging the first part of foundations for part of the rear extension before the planning permission expired.

We have been unable to gain full access from the rear. The University Estates who own the relevant property were, after a protracted period, willing to allow only limited access. Currently we are in discussion with the owners of the flats above to negotiate access from the front for the duration of the project.

When access arrangements are in place we intend to commence detailed negotiations with our preferred builder to start construction around Easter 2016. In parallel we will restart detailed discussions about project finance and negotiate arrangements for a temporary location for the club to operate during the construction which is expected to take 9 to 12 months.