

Vine Newsletter



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WELCOME to the June 2010 Construction Monthly Update for **Vine**.

Sales Update

Congratulations to all our new purchasers in Vine. 100% of contracts have now been unconditionally exchanged as of 30th June 2010.

We are officially SOLD OUT!!

Construction Update

Despite continuing wet weather early in the month, we've finally got some sunshine and the concrete is flowing!!!

The basement level (B3) ground slab has been poured and this has enabled PBS to get out of their gumboots and put on their nail bags.

The first suspended slab for the basement car park (B2) has been erected and the installation of reinforcement and post tension cabling is underway in preparation for concrete placement.

So, how do they do it, you ask? Simple.....

In order to build the car park slabs, first the formwork needs to be erected.

Formwork involves building flat timber decks made from plywood and timber bearers supported on metal stands called formwork frames. This formwork deck is built at the bottom level of the future slab.

Later, this formwork deck will have concrete poured on top of it.



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Before the concrete can be poured, columns which will support this slab also need to be built. In the car park for Vine, some columns are circular and PBS have elected to use prefabricated yellow formwork tubes into which the concrete will be poured. Some of these formwork tubes can be seen on the formwork deck ready to be installed.



Reinforcement bars are then laid on the formwork to give the slab some strength. These are the long brown coloured bars in the photo. They are laid horizontally in the slab and vertically in the columns. Yellow plastic caps (reocaps) are put over the top of any vertical reinforcement for safety reasons.

In addition to the reinforcement bars, high strength cables will also be installed to give the slab additional strength. These cables are laid in the shiny metal ducts and criss-cross the slab at right angles.



Finally concrete can then be poured on top of the formwork, reinforcement and cables. Within 24 hrs, when the concrete is hard, the whole process starts again.

.....That's how they do it.



Until next month, let's hope the sun keeps shining and the grey gold keeps flowing.

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