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In go the "apples and pears"!

By just 11.00am on Monday the eighth the mezzanine floor was in place, the crane was readied, and the stairway segments were on the way to Broadstone! Having made better time than anticipated the long flat-bed lorry arrived from Rochester in Kent where the purpose-made concrete stairs had been cast in three sections.

The lifting hooks were put in place and the crane swung them up, over and down as if they were polystyrene.

The stairway sections had heavy steel connection plates set into their joining edges so once in place it all bolted together for added security and stability. All is in place to access those vital extra meeting rooms and offices.

As the building work progresses, we will use some of Richard Lane's excellent pictures where appropriate. Here is the first which shows how the stairs will look alongside the glazed front wall.

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The return of the crane!

The last time we saw a crane on site was back in the third week of March for the erection of the whole steel skeleton just prior to the enforced lockdown. Now some twelve weeks later a 40 ton crane arrives in York Road, this time it's to deal not with steel but with the delivery of concrete beams and the stair sections. The construction of the floor of the mezzanine level is the same as we saw for the foyer area floor, i.e. block and beam construction. The crane driver working in tandem with the guys on the ground made short work of swinging the cast concrete top-hat section beams into their exact positions. How the plan is coming together!

No sooner had the beams been shunted into a safe platform than the supplies of blocks were hoisted aloft. Then rather like painting a floor towards your exit point the team got busy slotting the blocks into position on the concrete runners. They have a superb gizmo for cutting the blocks like a hot knife through butter- No noisy dusty cutters here!

The blocks have hardly settled in place when the mortar is chased into place and the top surface levelled and that's our first floor set and ready for its inner walls in a few months time. The picture above shows the neat and tidy underside ready for more insulation and soundproofing.